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Albany budget surprise — a surplus by '99

By Greg Hugunin

ALBANY—Casting its gaze on a predicted three years of smooth financial sailing, the City Council Monday reviewed a General Fund budget that would result in a surplus of more than \$60,000 per year into 1999.

The review comes in the midst of a more than month-long set of meetings in which the council has reviewed both the day-to-day and long-term functions of the city for the first time since the November election. The council reviewed the eight goals which dictate the direction the city is going in late April, held a budget work session last Saturday morning, and on Monday held the first of what will be two public hearings on the budget, the Capital Improvement Program and minor adjustments to the Master Fee Schedule.

Council members, including Peggy Thomsen and Jon Ely, who took office following the

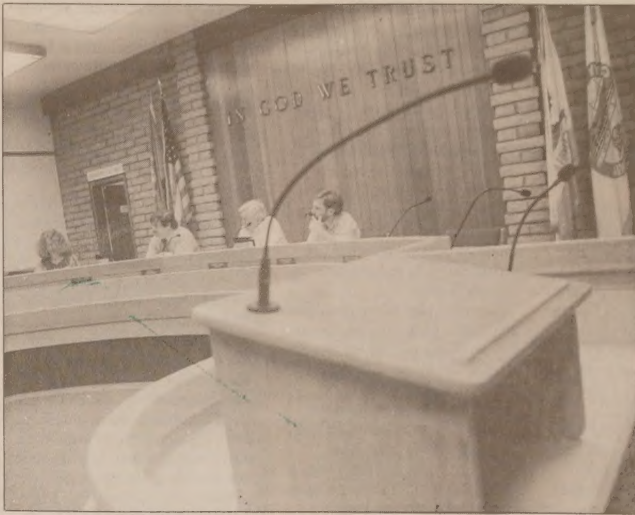
recent election, seemed for the most part pleased with the city's plan of action. Although the goals, and the subsequent projects the city is undertaking, were set by the previous council, according to City Administrator Daren Fields, the new council will have an opportunity to put its stamp on Albany's future at an all-day goals work session next year.

Where the money goes

As a political entity, Albany is a four-headed creature, with elected officials (the City Council, Police Chief, City Attorney and City Treasurer) administering the 10 staffed departments through which the city provides services. Although the latter three department heads answer not to the council but to the public (a right voters reaffirmed by a 2 to 1 margin last fall), the council does dictate their budget, and has control of the majority of city employees.

While the City Attorney and

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Councilmembers are back in their City Hall chambers after four months of construction designed to make the meeting space conform with Americans with Disability Act standards. The work, which began in January and concluded at the end of April, cost \$98,000.

Chester King Vega

EC's budget outlook bleak

■ The 1997-98 proposed budget is in balance, but the city is 'heading toward dangerous rocks' in the future.

By Emily Lundberg

EL CERRITO — At the May 19 City Council meeting, City Manager Gary Pokorny announced that the 1997-98 proposed budget was in balance. But financial projections for city operations for the next four years "are seriously out of balance," Pokorny urged the community, the council and the city staff to work together to "craft answers to these problems."

"We are heading toward some very dangerous rocks and we need to begin now to change our course if we

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Resident uses shotgun to thwart robbers

Police arrest 2 after car chase

By Greg Hugunin

EL CERRITO — A pistol-wielding cross-dresser and an accomplice held an El Cerrito couple captive in their home for about two hours last Thursday, robbing them at gunpoint, binding them with duct tape, then fleeing when the male victim freed himself and chased the suspects away with a shotgun, police said.

The two suspects, who later identified themselves as Chuong Nguyen Dang Huynh, 21, of San Pablo, and Jason David Flowers, 22, of Vallejo, fled the scene via automobile and were pursued south by police from Kensington who happened to be in the area, said El Cerrito Police Detective Donald Horgan. Driving at speeds of up to 60 miles per hour, the two made it as far as Marin Circle in Berkeley, where they struck a parked car and attempted to escape on foot before being taken into custody.

The home invasion occurred at around 10:30 a.m., when the suspects — one of whom was sporting a wig

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Del Norte:



What now?

Planning process starts again

By Emily Lundberg

EL CERRITO — The City Council and a group of citizens began discussing how to manage a community planning process for development on the Del Norte BART site. Much of the Council's discussion centered on the necessary limitations of a community process, as well as the importance of a consensus. Much of the citizen's discussion addressed perceived flaws in the process of development and com-

munity involvement thus far.

At the May 19 City Council meeting, Councilmember Mark Friedman passed around a draft of preliminary ideas for the community planning process.

The stated goal of the process, according to Friedman's draft, is to "Get community input to help design a project that reflects neighborhood, community and marketplace concerns."

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■ Neighbors' visions for the Del Norte site differ extremely from area retailers'. The selected developer, meanwhile, says a decision needs to be made — and soon.

By Emily Lundberg

EL CERRITO — Shortly before several city councilmembers announced they could not support a "mega-theater" at the Del Norte BART station, a petition was sent to Mayor Norma Jellison from "the El Cerrito Retailers for Positive Growth." The petition states support for the development of the Del Norte BART multi-use project in its original form, "with 208 multi-family residential units and approximately 36,000 square foot of new retail space and a 20-screen movie theater to further revitalize retail along San Pablo Avenue."

Drafted and circulated by Carl Gustafson, a 12-year resident and homeowner in El Cerrito, the petition shows a vastly different opinion of a project Del Norte neighbors thought had already been successfully sidetracked.

On April 25, the last day for submittal of public comments on the draft Environmental Impact Report on the Del Norte BART Project, Gustafson submitted a letter in support of the project. Part of it read, "Let's not lose this chance to bring a strong development concept to the northern entrance of our city."

Two days before Gustafson sent the petition to Mayor Jellison, at the May 5 City Council meeting, Norman La Force stated that he would not support "the Oewel proposal as it stands today, because of its size and scale." He suggested that developer Charles Oewel come back with "something less than the megatheater." Most of the other Council members agreed there was not enough public support for the project as it was currently proposed.

But on May 2, several days before La Force made his declaration, Carl Gustafson, had hit the pavement, petition in hand, looking for "retailers for positive growth." The Journal also visited 11 of these 31 retailers, one week after Gustafson had approached them for their signatures. The merchants responses sharply contrast with responses by area residents about the project.

Retailers for Positive Growth

The five Del Norte Place retailers that spoke with the Journal were well-informed about the Del Norte BART Station mixed-use project and in favor of it as it was originally proposed. The owner of Dream World Floral & Gifts, Phillip Chang, said, "the movie theater is definitely going to bring more people in here. Everybody says, 'Environmental! Environmental!' It's a big shield that blocks everything."

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New rules restrict scope of Albany Hill construction

By Greg Hugunin

ALBANY — By a 5-0 vote, the City Council Monday night passed an ordinance which would designate nearly half of the privately-owned land on Albany Hill as unbuildable.

The ordinance, forwarded to the council by the Planning and Zoning Commission, amends the city's Hillside Development District zoning regulations so that any property with a slope of 40 percent or greater is off-limits. It also excludes land

containing native vegetation, "significant biotic habitat" and topographical features such as ridge lines, although it does contain language assuring property-owners the right to build one, single-family home.

According to city officials, the amendments stem both from the Albany Hill Specific Plan, approved by the City Council in 1978, and from Measure K, passed by city voters in 1994. Measure K reduced the allowable density for development on the hill to between six and

nine units per acre.

In addition to excluding areas with a slope greater than 40 percent, the ordinance mandates that any multi-unit development on a parcel larger than two acres be reviewed as a single project. It also requires that homes cover no more than 40 percent of the parcel they are built on, and that any land excluded from development be designated as a scenic easement or as private open space "in perpetuity."

While the council ponders how best to acquire land under Measure

R (a number of closed sessions have been held on possible purchase of the four-acre Landvest parcel, although no decision had been reached), the new ordinance accomplishes a similar result — preserving the hill — without the city spending a dime. Although the council did make some changes to the ordinance at a first reading two weeks ago, such as striking a provision that parcels under two acres be excluded from the slope restrictions, the key points made it through the process untouched.

According to Planning Commission Chair Michael Feiner, the ordinance stems to a great degree from Measure K, which was passed by voters in 1994 without any physical parameters under which its goals are supposed to be accomplished. Feiner said the amendments will make it easier both for the city and for property-owners to proceed with possible development in that it sets out the criteria by which projects will be judged.

"There was no implementation

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From the Mayor's Desk

By Normal Jellison,
El Cerrito MayorReducing fire risk is an
interdependent process

This past week's heat wave reminds us that the fire season is upon us. The high temperatures baked us and the bumper crop of grasses and brush that grew from the early winter deluges. Grass is as dry now as it usually is in mid-June. Vegetation was already so parched going into last week's record-breaking heat wave, that the state-declared fire season is about a month ahead of schedule. Right on cue, West County experienced its first grass fire last Thursday in the Pinole hills. With the many wildland urban interface areas all along the East Bay hills, and particularly in El Cerrito and Kensington, we will all need to be particularly vigilant this year.

One of the key lessons learned from the devastating Oakland/Berkeley firestorm of October 1991 was the need for a comprehensive citywide program to reduce fire hazards. El Cerrito began its fifth annual Fire Hazard Abatement Program this week. The comprehensive program focuses on reducing fire hazards in three areas: 1) on city property, 2) on property owned by other agencies and large land owners, and 3) on residential property. At its May 19 meeting, the city council initiated this year's fire hazard abatement on residential properties by declaring weeds, rubbish, litter and other flammable material on 207 parcels constitute a public nuisance and fire hazard and ordered the owners to abate the fire hazard on their property.

The fire hazard abatement program is designed to reduce fire hazards by advance notice and hearings along with a public education program. The property owners of the 314 parcels declared a fire hazard will receive a notice encouraging them to voluntarily abate the fire hazard on their property. Standards for vegetation management in residential yards and vacant lots will accompany the notice. Fire inspectors are available to come out to the property and answer specific questions and give on-site direction to each property owner.

Property owners have one month from receipt of the notice to abate the fire hazard or appear at a hearing set for June 16 to state why they should not or are unable to comply. On June 16, the city council will put all properties that have not been voluntarily abated in the interim on a 10 day notice to abate or the city will abate the fire hazard and bill the owner. Sometime between June 27 and July 28, if the property owners have ignored the two public hearings and have not abated the fire hazard before the arrival of the hazard abatement cure, the city will abate the hazard and ultimately the cost will be applied to the next tax bill levied against the parcel.

Lessened risk

Over the past five years, the city's annual fire hazard

abatement program has been very successful in reducing fire hazards throughout the city and particularly in the hill areas that constitute our Very High Fire Hazard Severity zones. In 1992 when the program began, we noticed 425 properties and undertook \$40,000 worth of abatement actions due to noncompliance. In 1996 the program required very few abatement actions, relying instead on voluntary compliance by the vast majority of residents and property owners to clear their own fire hazards.

This year, we hope again to have the vast majority of our property owners voluntarily comply with the fire hazard abatement program. To our credit, the El Cerrito fire hazard abatement program is now a model program and other fire jurisdictions have borrowed heavily from it!

Another part of the fire hazard abatement program involves the city working with agencies and large landowners. City fire prevention staff work with landowners such as the Boy Scouts at Camp Herms, PG&E, East Bay MUD, East Bay Regional Parks and the West County School District on fire hazard reduction on their properties.

City owned properties

Finally the city works to reduce fire hazards on its own properties. We are thankful for monies for fire abatement donated by a dedicated group of volunteer citizens committed to El Cerrito doing what it can to eliminate conditions that could result in a firestorm to rival the Oakland/Berkeley event. Thanks to those donations and the vigilant work of a retired fire fighter, much progress has been made in the Hillside Natural Area and our many parks. By cutting weeds and brush, trimming and removing trees and creating fire and fuel breaks, we reduce the fuel load and provide a line of defense, important components of reducing our community's risk. Later in the spring or summer, on days approved by the Bay Area Air Quality Management District, the fire department will conduct controlled burns.

Experts across the state are warning us that 1997 will be one of the worst fire seasons on record. California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection firefighters have already responded to 1,380 wildfires this year, twice the usual number for the middle of May. Our firefighters train constantly and we have joint response and mutual aid cooperation with all of our adjoining jurisdictions, including Berkeley and the University of California in Alameda County. Let's all do what we can on our properties to eliminate fire hazard. Together we can make a difference and create a safer city going into the heart of the fire season.

Letters to the Editor

El Cerrito's rare
opportunity

Editor:

Something very important is happening in our corner of the world. With the closing of the Emporium and other recent developments in the El Cerrito Plaza/BART station area, we have a rare opportunity to create a place of real and lasting value to our community.

Imagine an attractive, comfortable, well-designed town center where we can walk, work, shop, eat, sip coffee, relax, pay too much for a fruit smoothie, sit in the sun by the creek, gossip, meet with our neighbors, watch our children play, attend a concert or public meeting, take a break from our work or chores at home to participate in the life of the community. A place we can be proud of. A place that will generate revenue without sacrificing community values, quality of life, and the environment.

A place that we know will last, that won't be a white elephant in 10 or 20 years because of the choices we make now.

This kind of opportunity comes around about as often as the Hale-Bopp Comet.

Meanwhile, at the other end of town, a divisive battle over a proposed project with a large movie theater near the Del Norte BART station came to a welcome end on Monday night when the City Council made clear its intent not to support the proposed project in its current form. Many citizens have expressed a desire for development more uniquely suited to this transit-oriented neighborhood. We now have the opportunity to figure out what that might be, and make it happen.

I applaud the Council's decision, and its willingness to set up a public process for the next phase of decision-making. El Cerrito celebrates its 80th anniversary this year. With cooperation, and vision, and lots of hard work we can start making plans for a more livable — and lovable — city that will serve us well during the next 80 years.

I encourage everyone to participate. If we stand by and do nothing, we'll have only ourselves to blame if we don't like the results. If we let this chance slip by, it won't be the fault of the economy, City Council, RDA, developers, state or federal government.

A hopeful and energetic group of citizens can make a difference. See you at the next City Council/RDA meeting.

Lori Dair

Emergency room
availability

Editor:

As a member of the Public and Environmental Health Advisory Board (PEHAB), I am concerned about the availability of emergency room services in the East and West parts of the county.

With hospital consolidations and the decreased number of hospitals in all parts of the county, it is essential that the remaining hospitals provide full service emergency services, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, staffed by qualified personnel. PEHAB understands that

emergency rooms periodically go on bypass when there are too many patients for the available staff. This can no longer be an option given there is only one emergency room available in East and West counties.

Hospitals need to maintain sufficient backup staffing so they are capable of meeting variable emergency room demands in their region. Closing the emergency room, even temporarily, is an unacceptable alternative.

Jean Siri
Member, PEHAB
El CerritoHospital's invitation
to community

Editor:

We are writing to you in response to the gentleman who recently expressed his concern about going to Brookside Hospital for care ("We need to keep our hospital", April 9). As intensive care unit nurses at Brookside Hospital for the past 25 years and as residents of Pinole, we would like to invite Mr. Campbell to take a tour of our hospital.

We want to share with him some of the truly outstanding services that Brookside Hospital offers the community, such as the open heart program, hyperbaric oxygen chamber, burn unit, obstetrics, heliport and our beautiful Regional Cancer Center.

The consolidation of Doctors Hospital and Brookside Hospital will combine the staff and services of both hospitals, creating a spirit of cooperation rather than competition. This consolidation not only saved Brookside Hospital from closing, but also prevented Doctors Hospital from the same fate within a couple of years.

We take pride in both hospitals and the fact that each will be able to continue to provide quality healthcare services to the residents of West Contra Costa County for many years to come. We extend our invitation to tour the "new" Brookside Hospital to the entire community, not just to the upset gentleman. Please visit us and give us a chance to show you why we are proud.

Theresa Bailey, RN
Sue Freitas, RN
Brookside Hospital
Intensive Care UnitAMS computer drive
successful so far

The teachers and students of Albany Middle School would like to thank the following businesses and individuals for making their 1996-97 computer donation drive a success. Our thanks go to:

Pamela Green, Helen R. Walker, Elizabeth K. Lewis, Waldenbooks (El Cerrito Plaza), Alan Riffer, Robin Davis, Jay Sparks (UC Berkeley), Wayne V. Huebner, Jessie Lawson, Yuji Mitani.

Before the March 31 deadline, Albany Middle School received 11 computers, most of which will be matched by the Detwiler foundation with a second comparable computer. In addition, the school received three monitors, five keyboards and three printers. Tax deductible donations of working computers (386/Mac II or faster) and accessories are still needed; donations can be arranged by calling Teresa Corpuz or Fran Sheppard at Albany Middle School 540-2821.

Albany Middle School

Volunteers and child
support

Editor:

In light of the Summit on Volunteerism in Philadelphia, ACES, Association for Children for Enforcement of Support, is asking for volunteers to help us assist the 29 million children owed over \$35 billion in unpaid support. This issue has reached a critical stage because only 18 percent of the children in the United States owed support actually receive a payment. In California, the statistics are even bleaker, only 13 percent of children receive support. Nonsupport is the leading cause of child poverty and welfare dependency and nine out of 10 children on welfare do not receive support. You probably know a child, maybe even your own, that

has been effected by nonsupport, because it happens every day, every week, every month, every year. Nonsupport is the most common crime against children; it effects one in six kids in the United States.

ACES is the largest child support organization in the nation with 40,000 members strong and 350 chapters in 47 states dedicated to assisting families entitled to support. As a grassroots organization, ACES of Contra Costa County is run virtually on volunteers to make a difference in the lives of families who live without support. We are challenging everyone who cares for kids to assist us in answering our hotline, doing court monitoring to insure the court rules are followed, and helping others help themselves collect the support their children deserve.

For more information about volunteer opportunities with ACES of Contra Costa County, please contact us at 286-7997.

Debi Coln, Coordinator
ACES of Contra Costa CountyHistory of Behrens/
Spokane link

Editor:

The Journal article on April 3 regarding separation of Behrens Street in El Cerrito from Spokane Avenue in Albany would have been better had it included the history of the project. Prior to the existence of El Cerrito Plaza, the two streets were unconnected and, as now, about 30 feet out of alignment with each other. In that era, when cars were slow, noisy, and infrequent, and street parking unnecessary, the added convenience of the haphazard connection outweighed any safety concerns. Eventually, the use of Cougar Field for high school P.E. and after-school activities increased pedestrian and motor traffic in the area, but because the field was accessed from Brighton at San Gabriel, the bend at Spokane-Behrens was not a factor.

When the former Hill Lumber site at Brighton and Spokane was purchased by the Albany School District for a middle school, the situation changed drastically. Against the protests of the neighborhood residents, the new school design placed both the staff parking entrance and high school access to Cougar Field on Spokane; tucked into the curve where they have the least view of southbound traffic. In order to mitigate this safety hazard as well as to direct traffic flow, the design was revised to put a cul-de-sac at the parking lot entry.

Currently, because the street is level and not obviously dangerous, vehicles travel into the S-curve above the speed limit and swinging into the middle of the street. Because the curve points opposite the direction from the proposed Cougar Field access to the high school, crossing the street at the curve would also be the quickest route. Combining this with the narrow residential sidewalks causing peak pedestrian traffic to flow into the street, this is pushing the odds of an accident above what should be tolerated. Although most Albany parents are currently unaffected by and unconcerned about traffic patterns in this area, they should all be concerned that one quarter of the district's teachers and a similar proportion of the students are threatened with exposure to the automotive equivalent of an uncontrolled railroad crossing, which is almost always safe, but whose accidents are never little ones.

Gilbert Chan
El CerritoTracking location of
'domestic situations'

Editor:

Every week my wife and I read the police blotters, noting the near or far proximity of crimes in our neighborhood. Twenty-nine police interventions in domestic situations were reported in the May 1 blotter for Albany, and two for El Cerrito.

I do not understand why it is that "domestic situations" (often domestic violence such as spousal abuse) are never identified by their location in the police blotter. The exact address is not necessary, but since these are

crimes or situations in which police are being called to make sense to print in the street and the only block. That's what the reports of everything but auto burglaries to make flowerpots.

Domestic violence is crime and so deserves the same coverage as property thefts. Moreover, by neighbors that the police repeatedly summoned to block, neighbors can see eyes and ears open, and help care for one another. People might be more check on one another. The police will begin to block number of domestic violence crimes in that that your paper will omit this important

Put any new
at the Plaza

Editor:

I have been a reader of the history of the area before BART began. That the Del Norte truly major transportation fact, something that no matter what happens in the long term.

That the residents homeowners in the area on retaining the residents of the area is something not change. That the multi-screen theater completely out of the area totally inappropriate both in terms of size and also something which is change. That the present commercial development present level of traffic are both beyond what is acceptable is hardly a change.

Why then the initiative Redevelopment Agency something that is wrong, not needed, and the wishes of the citizens only possible reason is a quick profit for the and the potential value NOT a good enough certainly any dreams of substantial revenue that exceed or somehow the financial and social interjecting such a utter nonsense.

If a multi-screen theater any movie theater, it is thought by the citizens necessary — I cannot why — it is so obvious structure should be located El Cerrito Plaza. The reasons are so obvious unnecessary to list them.

Quake readines
assistance
appreciated

The Journal received the following letter to the Editor:

We wanted to thank coming to our home April 12, with your strap our water heater.

Although it was a we weren't expecting was a pleasant surprise enjoyed meeting the so graciously participated did a fine job.

We were able to watch Monroe's presentation Channel 7, and our who is a captain in the Department at Berkeley Lab watched at work pleased to see his Dad and that Albany was a terrific job. One of the priorities of the fire safety and fire prevention strapping water heaters the best ways to do this. Thank you again, letting — I know where San Jose Mercury News article should help people to the help. All of you were professional and it was meeting you.

Mr. & Mrs. Barry

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WWI veteran William Shack dies at 106

An early member, organizer for the Brotherhood of Pullman Porters

William Shack, heralded as the Bay Area's oldest known World War I veteran who served in France, died on May 11 at age 106. Mr. Shack served in Company K of the 803rd Illinois Pioneer (Colored) Infantry Regiment, having been promoted to Corporal before he was mustered out of the service in St. Maurice, France on April 2, 1919.

In recent years Mr. Shack lived in a care home in El Cerrito.

The son of a former slave, Mr. Shack was born in Richland, Ga. on July 31, 1890. He was a young teenager when he left home for the burgeoning city of Atlanta, where he worked odd jobs while living in the thriving black American community of successful businesses along Auburn Avenue.

Heeding the call of Chicago De-

fender publisher Robert Abbott, credited for spearheading the migration of thousands of rural southern blacks to the urban north, Mr. Shack settled in the south side of Chicago. He soon found employment with the railroad as a Pullman Porter, a job he held until entering the service as an infantryman in World War I.

He returned to Chicago and his job with the Pullman Company after the war, becoming an early member of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters.

The brotherhood was founded by A. Philip Randolph, who was agitating for the unionization of porters, and Mr. Shack was ultimately fired for his labor activities.

"I think he was aware of the role he played as an organizer in the

Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters," said Mr. Shack's son, William. "Certainly when you're fired for union activity it drives home what the point was."

On Nov. 11, 1920, he married Emma McAvoy, who died in 1986 at age 94.

He subsequently worked with Chicago's Bureau of Street Maintenance and then as a fireman for the Chicago Housing Authority.

He retired as a stationery engineer in 1965, after more than 20 years of service.

William and Emma Shack moved to Berkeley in 1984.

"He was pretty independent," said Mr. Shack's son. "When he set a target and a goal to achieve he would move toward it."

The elder Shack was also a source

of inspiration to his son. "First, to have the courage to stand up for your beliefs and act in terms of principle. Second, the experience he described, even if it was about a relatively short period of time, of being in a country that was racially free, in Paris in 1919. That inspired me to go to Europe and eventually I did," said Mr. Shack's son, who completed his university studies in England. "It certainly was an inspiration, for sure."

Mr. Shack is survived by son William, dean and professor emeritus of anthropology at UC-Berkeley; daughter-in-law Dorothy Nash Shack; son-in-law Charles Vessels; grandchildren Francis, Charles and Hailu; and great-grandchildren Emily and Christina. Mr. Shack was buried in Chicago.

Acknowledge that noteworthy garden

Been admiring your front garden, a neighbor's, a friend's, one you pass by? There's still time to enter any or all of them in the El Cerrito Garden Club's second annual garden contest, which closes May 30.

All you need to do is send in an entry form or phone event chair Julie Rogers at 236-9799 with the address of the garden. Entry blanks can be found in the El Cerrito Spring Brochure, at the Community Center, 7007 Moeser Lane, or other various city locations. The name of the garden owner is not necessary.

A \$100 cash prize awaits the first place winner, with many other prizes for the best garden. Judg-

ing will take place on June 15.

Judging will be based on one or more of the following: quality of design, originality, interesting selection of plants, environmentally sound plantings and grooming.

Gardens must be within the City of El Cerrito and be visible from the street. Businesses are also eligible, but garden club members cannot compete.

The contest, named for El Cerrito's famed gardener Sundar Shadi, has the goal of promoting the creation and maintenance of attractive gardens on private property that can be enjoyed by members of the public. Shadi has made possible some of the prizes.

High price of gasoline catches attention of county supervisors

The Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors this week authorized a study of gasoline price fixing in reaction to recent disclosures that Bay area gas prices are significantly higher than the rest of the state.

The report, requested by Supervisor Mark DeSaulnier, will initiate the investigation of zoned price fixing, which has forced Bay area drivers to consistently pay more at the pumps than Southern California motorists.

According to the Lundberg Survey, an authoritative gas pricing firm, Bay area gas prices averaged \$1.45 per gallon in April, compared to \$1.35 in Los Angeles.

On June 10, the county district

attorney, who is conducting the research, will report back to the board to share his findings. In addition, oil refinery and gas representatives will be invited to explain their theories behind zone pricing.

In approving the study, Supervisor Jim Rogers suggested that maybe the board should refer to future consideration of the study as the "expensive neighbor measure." Supervisors in San Diego and San Francisco counties are both considering similar measures.

State Sen. Quentin Kopp, I-San Francisco, recently introduced a bill to study California's retail gas market and limit the expansion of company operated stations.



Eye-catching

Colorful and eye-catching works by local artist John Hoft are on display above the CD and record bins at Disc-Kabob, 1607 Solano Ave. through the end of the month.

Summer preschool applications out

Applications for Albany School's 1997 Summer Preschool are now available.

There will be a morning parent participation program (9 a.m. - 11 a.m.) as well as an afternoon program (noon - 3 p.m.) that does not require parent participation. Session I will be from June 23 to June 27, and session II will be from July 1 - Aug. 15. The morning program is five days

per week, while the afternoon program has the option of three, four, or five days. Children must be at least 2-years 9-months old, and toilet trained.

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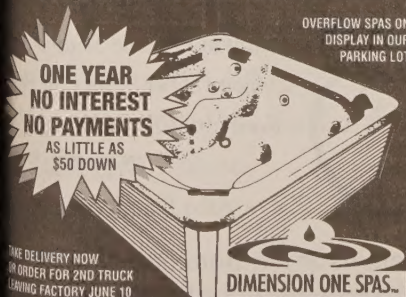
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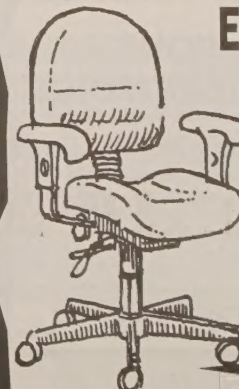
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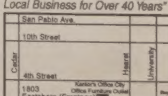
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Where will additional schools funds go?

Everyone wants share of additional funding proposed by Gov. Wilson

By Emily Lundberg

ALBANY — Gov. Pete Wilson, in his May budget revision, announced that California schools should receive \$717 million extra in state funding to go toward class-size reduction.

Undoubtedly, at school board meetings across California, parents, teachers and school administrators are standing up to claim their piece of the pie. Even in Albany.

The grades most lobbied for will be kindergarten and third. Under class-size reduction priorities set by the state, if only two grade levels are implemented, the grade levels are first grade and second grade.

If three grade levels are implemented, the grades are first grade and second grade and either kindergarten or third grade.

Last year, Albany Unified School District implemented class-size reduction in the first grade. By mid-year, AUSD implemented class-size reduction in the second grade.

According to Business Manager Ralph D. Hatland, PUSD tried to implement class-size reduction in kindergarten last year as well, but "it did not happen."

Under the current class-size reduction program, the school district receives \$650 per pupil (in those grades for which class-size reduction has been implemented).

Next year, with a cost of living increase, AUSD has \$666 budgeted for each pupil. If Gov. Pete Wilson's declaration comes to fruition, the district will receive \$800 per pupil.

Ralph D. Hatland said it amounts to an added \$67,000 to the AUSD

budget.

Where will the money go?

Last week, at two separate school board meetings in the Bay Area, at both Albany Unified and Piedmont Unified, and undoubtedly at others across the state, parents and school administrators put their two cents in about where their share of Pete Wilson's \$717 million will go. Both pleas were for the money to go toward class-size reduction in kindergarten.

At the last Albany school board meeting, two parents of kindergartners, a Ms. Lowe and a Ms. Lowry, approached the school board about having those new state funds go toward implementing class-size reduction.

They said a group of "ad-hoc

parents" had met to discuss suggestions on how to do this.

For AUSD, the difficulty would be space. Ms. Lowe and Ms. Lowry suggested using either a portable or an unused room in the community children's center in UC Village.

"We are going to have an additional staff meeting on this topic as well as a staff/parent meeting scheduled very soon. We know there is great interest on the part of parents of incoming kindergartners as well as of third-graders," AUSD Superintendent Dale Hudson said in response to their request.

Ralph Hatland said later that "he had no knowledge" that AUSD is planning on expanding its current class-size reduction program. The extra \$67,000 would most likely go into the general fund toward programming or salaries.

Police Reports

Stolen cars; intoxicated teens

By K. Osborn

ALBANY — At about 2 a.m. on May 12 a resident on the 800 block of Solano Avenue reported hearing noises in the garage area and was concerned because of previous break-ins. Officers found a Berkeley man who was going through recycling bins and was found to have two hypodermic syringes. He was arrested for trespassing, loitering and possession of syringes, cited and released with a notice to appear.

On the evening of May 12 a resident on the 1100 block of Key Route Boulevard reported that during the previous night thieves stole the radio from his '87 Ford pickup. There were no witnesses.

Wave of auto burglaries, thefts

By Emily Lundberg

ELCERRITO — A white Toyota Camry was stolen from the 7300 block of Terrace Drive on May 8 at 7 p.m. Another Toyota Camry was stolen from the driveway of a house on the 600 block of Albermarle at 8:55 a.m., also on May 8. The car was recovered from the 700 block of Pomona. On May 10, someone attempted to break into a Toyota Camry by punching the lock, but could not gain entry.

The car was parked in the carport of an apartment complex on the 3400 block of Belmont. A Toyota Cressida was stolen from the 6800 block of Fairmont on May 12 at 10:30 a.m.

A woman left her Toyota Camry in front of her house, on the 7500 block of Stockton. When she returned her car door was ajar, and

On the evening of May 12 a resident on the 600 block of Pablo Avenue reported hearing noises in the garage area and was concerned because of previous break-ins. Officers found a Berkeley man who was going through recycling bins and was found to have two hypodermic syringes. He was arrested for trespassing, loitering and possession of syringes, cited and released with a notice to appear.

On the evening of May 12 a resident on the 1100 block of Key Route Boulevard reported that during the previous night thieves stole the radio from his '87 Ford pickup. There were no witnesses.

At about 1 a.m. on May 12, officers contacted a resident on the 1100 block of Key Route Boulevard who reported that during the previous night thieves stole the radio from his '87 Ford pickup. There were no witnesses.

On May 10 at 4:40 p.m., a white puppy to the floor in the argument. The dog was killed.

An Oakland man was arrested for trespassing on the 1100 block of San Pablo at 5:30 a.m. He was then charged with possession of a deadly weapon worth of less than 1 oz. of marijuana.

On May 6, an unknown person cut the chain of a train in the block of Eastshore Blvd. commercial blowers.

On May 13 at 2:30 a.m., a man and a woman were pulled over and charged with possession of a quantity of amphetamine for sale.

See EL CERRITO

Pearman named V.P. at Bechtel

SAN FRANCISCO — Bechtel National, Inc. has named El Cerrito resident Donald W. Pearman, Jr. as its new vice president and manager of strategic markets.

Pearman was formerly associate deputy secretary of the U.S. Department of Energy.

In his new position, Pearman will concentrate on identifying future business development and marketing opportunities for Bechtel National, the government services arm of Bechtel Group, Inc.

During a government career that spanned more than 28 years, Pearman held numerous senior-level positions within the Depart-

ment of Energy, including that of chief financial officer, as well as manager of the San Francisco Operations Office. Since 1993 he has been serving as the department's associate deputy secretary for field management, a position in which he had direct responsibility for the 6,000 Federal employees serving in the Department of Energy's field operations.

During his nearly three decades of government service, Pearman, 52, has received several honors and awards, the most recent of which was the Presidential Distinguished Rank Award, given in 1993.

The honor, conferred by Presi-

dent Clinton, is considered the Federal government's highest civilian award.

One year prior to that, Pearman also had received the Secretary of Energy Award, considered DOE's highest accolade.

A native of New York City, Pearman holds a bachelor's degree in finance from Iona College in New Rochelle, New York, as well as a master's degree in business administration from the University of Arizona. He and his wife Victoria have two grown children.

Bechtel Group is a San Francisco-based engineering, construction and management firm.

Summer session at Albany Pool

The Albany Pool, 1311 Portland Ave., will begin accepting mail registration postmarked May 27 or later for the Summer Session. Adult classes begin on June 16 and children's classes on June 23.

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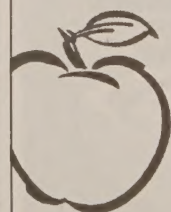
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and neighborhood meeting less contentious

Emily Lundberg

The second neighborhood meeting on the placement of 30.5 portables on a portion of Memorial Field elicited considerably less controversy than the one held only one week earlier, attracting an audience of 12 last week. The discussion focused on the pragmatics of the portables' placement on Memorial Field, safety, noise and the time line for construction.

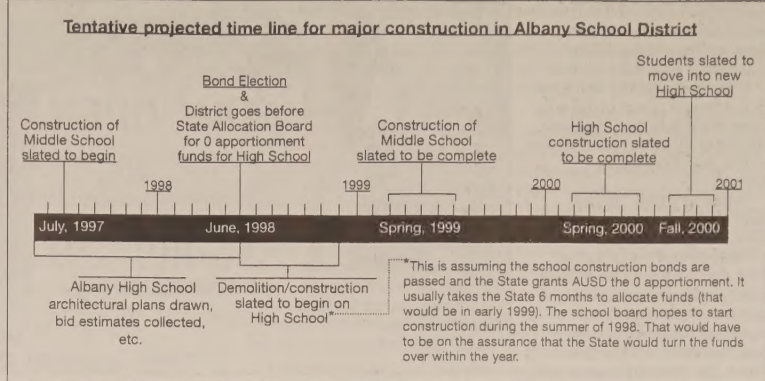
Within the next few weeks, the school board expects the Division of State Architects to accept or reject the district's structural analysis of Albany High School.

Board members are preparing for the worst: the high school being shared seismically unsafe and thus condemned. Next fall, the controversial 30.5 portables will house turned-out high school students. At its May 13 meeting, the board asked the high school staff two national staff development days at the end of this school year to

save time to organize and consolidate school materials for the new school year.

The school board began its neighborhood meeting by reviewing the site force's rationale. The board was concerned that it had not examined thoroughly enough the three alternatives the task force had painstakingly ruled out, stressing "Memorial Park was not a foregone conclusion."

But this group of mostly new members, for the most part, assumed it was a foregone conclusion and



wanted to speak to the pragmatics of portables on Memorial Field.

And when a member of the audience voiced concern about the simultaneous construction of the middle school and the high school, the project architect answered, "We are going to get our best funding for

works," he said.

Questions of fire safety within the corridor of portables were fielded by the architect, who pointed out the exits that would be included, adding "the fire marshal has already approved of this plan."

The head of the PTA, Kate

Mayor Bob Good seemed disappointed by the lack of turn out and spoke up once to inquire, "Assuming we do well and get class-size reduction across the board, we will not have enough classrooms. Will you leave those portables there?" Hudson responded that the district would not.

The issue raised most often concerned the time line for construction of both the middle school and the high school. (See chart on this page). One attendee called the construction schedule "really optimistic."

Although there had previously been some mention of a renewed interest from the City in putting some of the portables on Key Route, this issue was not raised. The city and school board are still negotiating a four- to five-year lease of the tennis courts in Memorial Park.

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Construction manager Kelle Lynch, said demolition is slated to begin in the summer of 1998.

Superintendent Dale Hudson gave the example of the Piedmont School District, which has multiple construction projects, all on small school sites. "It is not ideal, but it

Weinstein, expressed the PTA's support of the school board on its selection of the Memorial Park site. Another member of the PTA agreed, saying her daughter and her daughter's friends, who attend Albany High School, think the Memorial Park site is the best choice.

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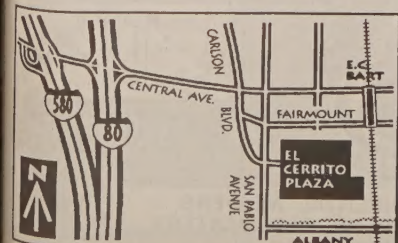
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■ El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce By Sewall Glinternick

Still time to hear new council member

Tomorrow is the final day to make reservations to hear recently appointed El Cerrito City Councilmember Mark Friedman outline his views on the economic outlook for this region.

Friedman will be guest speaker at the El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce's regular monthly meeting on Tuesday May 27 at the Cerrito City Club, 1614 Kearney St.

In addition to his economic predictions for this area, the new city council member will describe his background and will seek the opinion of chamber members on redevelopment issues.

Those wishing to make reservations to hear Friedman speak at the noon luncheon meeting may do so by telephoning the Chamber of Commerce office at 233-7040.

Welcome new member

Newest member to be welcomed into the chamber is John Hurley of John Hurley: Internet Consulting, an internet/computer consulting firm at 933 Adams in Albany, 524-5651.

Also appreciated for showing its support of the chamber by reinvesting in this organization is California Federal Bank, 280 El Cerrito Plaza, 525-8170.

Home improvers bonanza

One of the El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce's newest members is a firm that could well be a "little piece of heaven" for local residents interested in fixing up the area around their home.

That firm is Building Materials Unlimited, which is located in the far northwest corner of a large lot at 2121 San Joaquin St. in Richmond.

The company, which opened here last December, is owned and managed by Sal Clause. Ably assisting him are business manager Louie Bautista and Gary Smith, who handles inside sales.

While the new building

materials yard may be a little hard to find at present, it can be located by following the signs which start at the San Joaquin Street entrance. In the near future plans call for relocation of the entrance to allow for direct access to the company's main office.

However, until the change is made, contractors, architects, engineers, experienced owner/builders, and do-it-yourselfers in need of sands, gravels, landscaping supplies, premixes, concrete forming, finishing and sealing and curing materials as well as bricks, blocks, paving supplies, and a full range of professional tools and accessories will find the hunt for the firm's office well worth their effort.

All three of the men who run the business worked together in the past for a firm in Berkeley. That company dropped the sale of building materials to concentrate on becoming a leader in the wetmix concrete field.

Recognizing there was still a need for a masonry/concrete yard in the East Bay, a year ago Clause opened his own business in a small space on the Oakland-Emerlyville border.

The business grew rapidly and, in December of 1996, Clause moved his operation to its present location in this area in order to offer a full line of landscaping supplies.

He increased the inventory to include far more utility and decorative sands and gravel, top soil, boulders, flagstone, bricks and pavers, a full line of grouts, chemicals for concrete work and tools. Also available now is a selection of personal safety gear such as hard hats, rubber boots, gloves and rainwear, as well as rebar, mesh and drainpipe.

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According to Smith, who grew up and went to school in this area, homeowners here "can save time and money by getting the materials from us and doing the job themselves."

"And," he added, "if they decide to hire a contractor, they'll know what to look for."

From its start with a staff of three, the firm has grown to eight inside people and two outside salesmen. As a result of this expansion, the firm can now participate more often in trade shows. The company's warehouse staff stand ready to help customers with special equipment and to assist in loading. Also available is delivery service throughout the Bay Area.

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New leadership at area banks

New leaders have taken over at three local financial institutions which belong to the El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce.

New manager at the Bank of America, 10422 San Pablo Ave., is Connie Jerge, who replaces Robert Yao. Taking over from Alicia Lopez at Wells Fargo Bank, 9800 San Pablo Ave. is new manager Kevin Cheda. Overseeing the Plaza office of Mechanics Bank, 240 El Cerrito Plaza, is Barbara Cronin, president of the El Cerrito Rotary Club. She replaces immediate past Chamber president Pat Malailua, who now heads that bank's El Sobrante office.

Water rate news far from bad

The recent letters sent to all commercial property owners in El Cerrito regarding the cost of sewer services may be good news for members of the business community, according to Lawrence Rugaard, district



manager of the Stege Sanitary District.

"The proposed charge," Rugaard said in response to an inquiry from the El Cerrito Chamber, "is based on factored water consumption at a service address for calendar year 1996, and the rate charged per 1,000 gallons of water consumption for commercial users is reduced from last year's rate."

As an example, Rugaard pointed out that the annual sewer charge in 1995/96 for a laundromat that used 5,289,000 gallons of water was \$7,515.67. If the water consumption for this same business had gone up to 5,680,000 gallons in 1996, the charge levied

on the 1996/97 tax roll will go down to \$7,134.08.

Rugaard invited any chamber member who was concerned or had questions to come to the Stege office or telephone him at 524-4668 for a thorough explanation of their sewer service charges and the change in cost from last year's charge to this year's proposed charge.

Owners of commercial property, he added, are the only ones who will receive notice of the hearing on the proposed sewer service charge rates.

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WEST BERKELEY PLAN AMENDMENT:
2929 SEVENTH ST. (LANGENDORF BLDG.) AND
PORTION OF MIXED USE/LIGHT INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT

The City of Berkeley Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, May 28, 1997, on the following amendments to the West Berkeley Plan (part of the Berkeley Master Plan):

A. Redesignation of the portion of 2929 Seventh St., (approximately 57,000 square feet of floor area) designated as General Commercial to Mixed Use/Light Industrial on the West Berkeley Land Use District map and exemption of the redesignated area from the Mixed Use/Light Industrial district provisions concerning change of use from manufacturing and industrial uses.

B. Permitting laboratory and pharmaceutical manufacturing in the portions of the Mixed Use/Light Industrial district south of Heinz St. on those parcels which in their entirety are at least 500 feet away from both Mixed Use/Residential district and Residential districts.

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AMS Web Site: <http://www/night.com/ahs>

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Friday, May 26
Memorial Day, No School

Saturday, May 27
7:30 p.m., Cornell Multi-room
Board of Education Meeting
Topic: Agenda available at PTO Office

Thursday, May 29

- 7 p.m., Room 11
AMS PTA Meeting
Topic: Welcome the new PTA officers for 1997-98
- 7 p.m., AHS
Spring Concert
- 7 to 9 p.m., AMS Library
Topic: Prevention and intervention of alcohol and drug abuse in adolescents.

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RSVP: 559-6554

Monday, June 2

- 7:30 p.m. AMS Library
PTA Council Meeting
Contact: Kay Weinstein, 525-0363

Meeting highlights potential for City support of schools

"Schools and potholes are the two things I get asked about the most," said Pinole City Council member Maria Alegria. Although school problems and their solutions are the responsibility of the school district and the school board — those distinctions are many times transparent to members of the public who now simply demand that public officials do something to move our schools forward.

Just as problems affecting our schools do not necessarily respect city boundaries, they are at a scale where the resources and capabilities of all public and private groups representing our communities can and should be used to solve them.

Reflecting the high priority they give public schools, the Pinole City Council hosted the WCCUSD school board on May 12 for a joint meeting in Pinole to review accomplishments and identify new areas of collaboration. Although the meet-

ing grew contentious at times over relatively minor issues, it illustrated the possibilities available when public agencies look to creatively cooperating with each other and with non-profit organizations.

A highlight of the meeting was the presentation by Mark Grisham of Pinole of a report entitled, "Schools and Redevelopment: The Pinole Experience in Partnerships." The eight page document illustrates several remarkable accomplishments and the potential for more in the future.

Summarizing two years of work Grisham's report notes, "In a little over two years, the Pinole Redevelopment Agency has embarked on a strong partnership with the local school district, schools and the Ed. Fund. A partnership that has had a visual impact on the schools and has fostered increased community pride. It is a partnership we expect to continue into the future and hope

serves as a model for the positive relationships that can be created between a redevelopment agency and a school district."

Essentially, what the City of Pinole has done, working through their Redevelopment Agency, is to utilize the funds generated through redevelopment to fund activities which improve schools' physical facilities and programs. A portion of the funds generated through redevelopment are contributed to the "Pinole Public School Fund" where representatives of the City of Pinole, WCCUSD, and the Ed. Fund determine how they will be used.

To date, redevelopment funds have been used in Pinole to: create a new bus access and rebuild sports fields at Juan Crespi Middle School and a variety of infrastructural improvements at Collins Elementary school including new K-3 playground equipment, new softball fields, a soccer field, and a perimeter jogging/walking path.

These improvements not only benefit the children and families utilizing the school but have a direct impact on the community as a whole.

Grisham noted, "The quality and visual appearance of the local schools has a direct impact on prop-



West County School Watch

By Glen Price

erty values and the quality of life in Pinole."

The mission of the Pinole Public School Fund is to "serve as an ongoing resource for improving the classroom and school environment through the sponsorship of innovative classroom activities, student scholarships, school-wide enrichment programs, and physical construction projects that enhance the public schools of Pinole."

To date, the fund has "given out grants for a literature immersion program, marine sciences activities, expansion of library collections to increase multi-cultural ma-

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Friends' Big Book Sale in June by bringing in your old books, CDs, videos, etc. Proceeds of the sale will help to keep new materials coming into our Library.

Here are some of the new books recently donated by the Friends:

Man Made of Words: Essays, Stories, Passages (N.S. Momaday), "gorgeously written" new collection by well-known Native American Pulitzer Prize winner expounds on sacredness of the word, of place and tradition; *George Eliot: A Life* (R. Ashton), fascinating narrative, set within vivid historical context, of the working life and personal trans-

formation of this important woman writer; *Empire's End: A History of the Far East from High Colonialism to Hong Kong* (J. Keay) — British journalist describes the tracks made by "the imperial dinosaurs" throughout this vast region and makes it less mysterious and more personal for Westerners.

Family concerns are discussed in *Making Sense of Your Teenager* (L. Kutner), a practical guide to keeping your sense of humor while coping with serious problems; *Fathers' Rights: Hard-hitting and Fair Advice for Every Father Involved in a Custody Dispute* (J. Leving and K.

Dachman) — comprehensive and controversial manual by men for men.

Two interesting how-to guides are: *The Buffet Book* (C. Peck & C.H. Bryant) — enticing color photos and simple exotic and American recipes show how to entertain up to 50 people and actually have fun doing it; and *Your Sixth Sense: Activating Your Psychic Potential* (B. Naparstek) — psychotherapist's clear, sensible exercises, based on scientific theories and interviews with 43 psychics, show how anyone can develop ESP.

New fiction includes *Jade Peony: A Novel* (W. Choy),

second novel by winner of Canada's Trilling Award illuminates experience of three young Chinese immigrants to Vancouver in the 1930s; *Wayfarer: New Fiction by Korean Women* (B. Fulton & J. Fulton, tr.), prize-winning anthology of stories with universal meaning; *God's Fires* (P. Anthony), well-written tale of a spaceship that crashes in Portugal during the 16th century Holy Inquisition, thus creating intense moral dilemmas for the very human characters and the aliens; *Memoirs of Cleopatra* (M. George), well-researched, skillfully written epic takes readers on Antony and Cleopatra's moon-

light strolls and belatedly of dangerous political intrigues.

Mystery aficionados will enjoy *Mexican Hat: A Novel* (McCarthy) — action-packed detective story set in the wilderness of New Mexico on wildlife smuggling, murder; *Psalm Killer* (Petit) British inspector and a serial killer through Belfast underworld of *Breaking Glass: A Novel* (Hall), considered "the year," this thriller based on psychiatric ward of the Hospital before World War II through New York City and its architectural

Process

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The most notable element of the draft was the inclusion of key stakeholders in the task force, including: the immediate neighborhood, merchants, the wider community, Del Norte Place management, the developer, BART and/or AC Transit and the redevelopment agency.

Although Mayor Norma Jellison had not looked at the draft extensively, she agreed that Friedman's guidelines "fit her idea." She said the critical issues for her are timeliness, marketplace realities, and a sense of participation on the part of the community.

Councilmember Gina Brusatori supported Friedman's framework, as well. "We have been in a situation, at least in the Plaza project, where BART put money towards a planning process. Maybe they could

put money toward this."

BART Real Estate Manager Jeff Ordway pledged the transit district's time and participation in the community process, as well as "whatever financial resources we can muster." He added, "Without the community's support and the council's support, it won't go anywhere with the BART board."

Councilmember Norman La Force, who also focused on cost and timeliness, said he thought Friedman's draft was a good starting point.

"One of the things I've heard from the community is that they wanted to see projects that do not require contributions on the part of the agency," La Force said. "I'd hate to see us lose the one developer over the years who has come to us and hasn't asked for a handout."

Community concerns

The concerns repeated by Del Norte neighbors Anne Delehunt, Grant Ricketts and Peter Loubal were the contention that the project is not transit-oriented and the fact that an economic feasibility analysis was not a part of the Draft Environmental Impact Report.

After the meeting, Ricketts said he thinks the response he and five other residents compiled to the EIR contains foundational elements that could be used to discuss the Del Norte project during a community planning process, including suggestions about an economic feasibility analysis.

El Cerrito resident Stephen Magary, meanwhile, said he doesn't think the people who come to the meetings represent the whole community, although "it's a start." He

suggested that with major projects there be a referendum process in which the community is given all information about the various consequences of the development.

Anne Delehunt suggested the process harness the skills of people within the community, especially those with facilitating skills. She, as well as several other citizens, also suggested procuring an economist or financial advisor.

Resident Al Miller responded to a comment made earlier by Charles Oewel, the developer of the Del Norte project, who said he is limited in what he can bring to the site by conditions of the marketplace.

Miller responded that "if the marketplace doesn't support what we want, Mr Oewel has to tell us why it won't support it. I suggest that in this discussion we request

Oewel help us understand that, or how much it will cost us to get what we want."

To wrap things up, Chair of the Redevelopment Agency Jane Bartke said she thinks the committee should consist of one person from each "key stakeholder group."

Friedman was informally chosen to be the City Council liaison to the committee and in selecting a task force. Jane Bartke noted that there were only three more individuals needed for that committee: Someone from the neighborhood, a merchant and someone from the wider community.

The council agreed that it would be Friedman's responsibility to go out and find representatives from those groups and to bring back a list of the chosen representatives to be approved on June 2.

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Business is Good for Berkeley

By Miriam Ng,
Chairman of the Board

The second year as Chamber Chairman has been a balancing act – trying to figure out how to advocate for business without alienating neighborhood groups, trying to convince the new Council that business is good for Berkeley.

The concept is elementary. The City can either cut expenses or increase revenue. The Council is unwilling to cut expenses and does not want to touch our social programs, so the only alternative is to increase revenue. But increasing revenue can't be just increasing taxes because there is a limit to the generosity of the citizens. We could all benefit by supporting the businesses we are fortunate to have and to welcome others. By creating and maintaining a business friendly climate we increase sales tax revenue. It just takes working together.

This year had its ups and downs.

We were encouraged by the opening of the One Stop Permit Center and hopeful for its promise. It is not exactly as quick as the name suggests but the environment is upbeat and user friendly and the staff seems to have found it invigorating. The citizens who use the center seem to be treated more as clients and customers. This may be an ordinary accomplishment in the business world but it is a great leap forward for our City Hall.

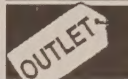
The City of Berkeley expanded the ban on smoking to include bars, nightclubs, even outdoor patios. The Chamber and I pleaded with the Council to postpone the ban until after the state declared its plan. We felt that the very survival of many of these businesses was at stake. It was not the smokers we were defending, as much as the right of a business to compete fairly with neighboring communities.

Then came Noah's Bagel's asking permission to expand their existing store on Solano Avenue by 1,000 square feet. This request for expansion was driven by customer demand. The store is so popular that the customers are jammed inside or find themselves standing in a crowd on the sidewalk outside. But there is a quota for the number of restaurants allowed on Solano. The Council decided the expansion would exceed the quota and denied the permit. Why can't they let free market decide how many restaurants Solano Avenue will support?

Businesses must be informed in advance about new rules that affect their business. For example, the drastic rezoning of West Berkeley which will take effect soon, the dramatic increase in the paramedic service fees proposed for large buildings based on square footage, the proposed sewer use fees based only on the amount of water you use. These and others may have a profound economic impact on your business. The business community is entitled to have a say about these changes and the City should, at a minimum, explain these proposals to the people who will pay for them.

1997 finds Berkeley in political turmoil again. The City Council is polarized between the liberals and the ultra liberals. Council meetings are a bickering session. How will the Chamber of Commerce accomplish things in the next two years in such chaos? We must continue to be a vocal advocate for business because Berkeley's survival is tied directly to the state of its businesses. We must continue to educate the Council about the benefits of business. We must hold fast to the position, unequivocally and unapologetically, that business is good for Berkeley!

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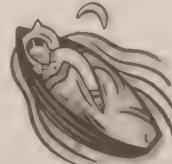
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Expect to pay more for those 1996 cabernets sauvignons that will be coming to market toward the end of the year through the fall of '99. And for you're extra dollars, don't expect added value.

The '96s, with notable exceptions, will not be great wines. At a recent barrel sampling of about 40 cabernets from various parts of California, I found the vintage to be showing good overall structure and balance, nice but not heavily concentrated fruit extracts, and wines that will hold for mid-term aging as opposed to the long haul.

The reason one can expect to pay more for this vintage — the fourth consecutive year the price of cabernet grapes has increased (tonnage increased 26 percent over the '95s) — is that the crop was down 12 percent from the previous harvest. Also, replanting programs due to the plant louse phyloxera continue.

The '96 growing season was characterized by three weather patterns. Rains extended into early June, causing a lot of fruit to "shatter," a condition resulting in less berries that occurs when pollination is impeded.

August produced a series of 100-degree days, particularly in Paso Robles, which had the hottest harvest in a quarter-century. Up in Sonoma, Ravenswood winemaker Joel Peterson thought the heat would cause the grapes to be harvested "monumentally early." But September brought cool weather, which resulted in a normal crush.

Of course, it is always a tricky proposition to predict so early and from barrel how a wine will fare five, 10, or 20 years out. But from personal experience, and after talking to numerous vintners, I'm convinced the '96s will produce good, but certainly not great



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wines.

With, naturally, those few exceptions. I was particularly taken by nine wines, but even most of these I don't believe will be at their peak and continue to flourish for more than 10 to 15 years.

Here are the wines I think will be notable, keeping in mind, however, that the absolutely final blends have not been assembled (but they are very close), and that not all release dates or prices are available:

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Paul Hobbs Napa — Only 6

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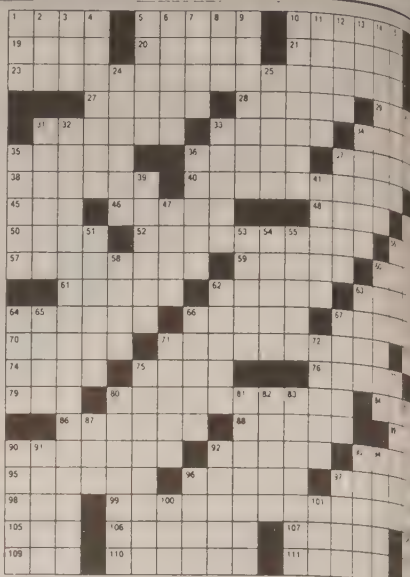
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Wong at Strings Italian said, "Half of the businesses [on Del Norte Place] belong to the theater. The business needs a draw, an anchor." Wong said he does not live in the neighborhood, but he has a different perspective than El Cerrito (Of the seven retailers interviewed, one lives in El Cerrito.) Wong asked whether he could see anything more on the scale of the Market Hall, or Fourth Street in Berkeley, Wong said, "I don't see it. Little streets, this is an anchor for all the little stores." We need something big to put something in that

expressed frustration with his inability to attend City meetings to voice his sup-
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But we're entrepreneurs, said to come to the meetings you are in the midst of running a business." Swais, of Swais's Gyros, likewise said the theater the main reason he came here. Another restaurant in Emme and the theater there brought a lot of business. If the pro-
 20 screens isn't possible, "a theater with top-rated movies would be okay."

petitioner
 The petition flies in the face of the charge of criticism launched by opponents. Gustafson had not attended any council meetings and was surprised at

the amount of opposition, calling it "sad, because this [development] would be positive."

Gustafson said he disagrees with project opponents, "the minority that were saying there would be traffic problems, parking problems, and that people who see movies bring in the wrong element."

"I was not expecting to be a crusader but after the response to the EIR, I started to write a letter, then I sat down at my computer and made up a petition, thinking if I had time, I would visit some stores."

Asked whether he has any personal stake in the project's outcome, Gustafson said he has "no real personal vested interest." But he did acknowledge that he knows developer Oewel "through some friends in Berkeley, and I attended church with him. He did say to me once that if people in El Cerrito wanted the development they should make that opinion known, that there were not many people who wanted it in evidence. But he never asked me to do anything. He was surprised to hear that I did."

As for what he hopes his petition will accomplish, he said, "I hope it gives a balanced view on the development. That this is a good thing for those that have an active interest in being in El Cerrito. I think the community should have input, but they shouldn't stymie the process."

The community

The Journal also visited the community surrounding the Del Norte BART station last week seeking opinions on the development and to see what respondents like to see on the site.

All 10 people who spoke to the Journal said they do not want the project as it was proposed (with the "megatheater"). All 10 mentioned

parking and congestion as major problems in the area already. "You tell me where they are going to park," said Mary Jacobson, a Hill Street resident.

"There are enough problems with parking already," agreed Mrs. Kitashima of Knott Avenue.

"I leave during the weekdays and when I come home there is no where to park," said Gary Resser of Key Avenue. "Right now even with BART parking, the (on-street) parking is filled up until 5:30 or 6." Teresa Klein, who has rented her house on Junction and Knott for seven years, said, "There is no parking already. People are going nuts. By 8 a.m., it's packed."

Another Key Avenue resident, Greg Harland, said, "My fear is they will discover they need more parking, and they will build a multi-level garage structure right here between Knott and Cutting (where BART now has 370 parking spaces)."

For the most part, neighbors interviewed don't oppose development of the Del Norte site altogether, but do want small retail, which city officials insist is unfeasible without a large tenant to anchor the project, make it appealing to a developer and provide a sufficient sales tax return.

Sadhu Atehortua, a renter on Key, said retail or a five-screen theater would be acceptable, but only without residential units. He said it is congested already and it would worsen with the proposed development.

Resser, Mary Jacobson on Hill Street, Anthony Lowe on Key Boulevard and Ms. Campbell on Knott all said they want the site left as it is — no retail, no theater and no residential units — contending the neighborhood is already too con-



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Patty Kelley, another resident on Hill, said "Anything but a theater. Small retail stores would be okay." Teresa Klein said no "big things, forget the chains, but get small independent, unique shops, a cafe, a common area with a fountain. Something with a neighborhood feel, almost like Solano."

Joan and Greg Harland said they don't think the city can attract the right kind of retailers to put together a development of small independent shops, considering how the city has been developed so far. They believe the City was motivated by "the wrong short-term goals," bringing in retailers that

supply lower-paying jobs and scare away the more upscale, independent retailers.

Several people also mentioned fears that crime would worsen with the influx of moviegoers.

Four out of the 10 people said they think El Cerrito Plaza is the best place for a theater.

The Developer

In an interview with the Journal, Charles Oewel, the developer of the Del Norte BART mixed use project, said he is happy to have citizen input, as long as the citizens keep in mind the conditions he is working with. He still envisions a theater at the site, and hopes residents can be convinced it will work.

The most important condition is "keeping the tenant in line," he said. "AMC (the interested cinema chain) won't stay around much longer. They have already been waiting for two years now. If the city wants to keep the mixed-use option viable, we need to do that soon. Time is a deal killer."

If the city and the citizens decide to go for a smaller theater, the smallest Oewel thinks is possible would be 15 screens. "Anything smaller would be an albatross," he said.

The public process, Oewel said,

"would be an educating process. If the citizens want retail, that needs an anchor and a five-screen movie theater wouldn't fly — it would most likely go out of business."

As he sees it, there are three options: 1.) keep a vacant parking lot. 2.) build multi-family residential units. 3.) build the proposed mixed use retail and downsized cinema combination, which, he adds, "has the biggest contribution to property value."

"If the community could not be placated with the size (of theater) it takes to attract tenants, I could change my application to be for multi-family residential units. I can easily switch gears. But without the anchor of the theater I would have to shorten the list of possible retail."

Oewel said multi-family residential units with retail was the original plan, but that the retail component needed an anchor. Oewel found AMC, and the proposed development area was expanded to include the Mayfair site.

As for how the city council will go about the community planning process to again try to decide the site's future, Oewel said, "I don't know. I don't think they know."

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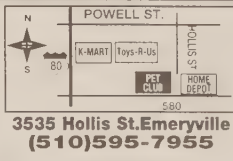
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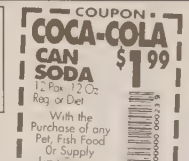


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■ Goings On About Town

Children

Ongoing
Hall of Health — A hands-on community health education museum and science center sponsored by Children's Hospital Oakland and Alta Bates Medical Center.

"This is Your Heart!" An interactive exhibit on heart health; Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; 2230 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley; 549-1564.

La Peña — Saturday Morning Children's Program, 10:30 a.m. Every Saturday morning there is a program of stories and songs for children; 3105 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley; 849-2572; \$3 general; \$2 children.

Museum of Children's Art; The Museum of Children's Art is a museum where any child has access to viewing, creating and exhibiting art. The MOCHA gallery exhibits art created by children locally, nationally and internationally, while the art studio allows them the opportunity to create art in workshops, camps, field trips or on their own.

Martial Arts for Kids; 5:45 - 6:45, Monday through Thursday; instruction in genuine aiki-jujitsu for ages 5 - 14, one month free with the purchase of a quality \$31 uniform; Sennin foundation Center for Japanese Cultural Arts, 10323 San Pablo Ave., El Cerrito; 526-7518.

Classes

Berkeley Community Media; 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.; Express Studio Class will teach you how to run your own community access program; taking calls, interviewing guests, showing video; BCM, 2239 Martin Luther King Jr. Way, Berkeley; 848-2288 (Rick Sylvain); \$10.

Ongoing
Tribal Bellydance classes with "Luna" at No Sweat, 1831 Solano Ave., Berkeley 528-1958, every Tuesday & Thursday at 7:45 p.m., Saturday at 4:30 p.m. \$7 fee

Community Events

May 22
Resume Styles: Tips & Feedback; 1:30 p.m.; a mini workshop at the Turning Point Career Center, University YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, Berkeley; 848-6370; \$3 for non members.

Drop-In Groups for job seekers; 4-5 p.m.; Participants share feedback and support for maintaining motivation, refining job search skills; University YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, Berkeley; 848-6370; \$5 members, \$10 non members.

Friends of Albany Seniors; 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.; pancake breakfast; delicious, hot off the griddle pancakes, sausage, fruit juice, cereal, coffee; Albany Senior Center, 846 Masonic, Albany; 524-9122; \$4 adults, \$2 children.

May 25
Celebrate Lag B'Omer; 4 - 9 p.m.; Lag B'Omer marks the anniversary of the passing of Rabbi Shimon Bar Yochai, author of the Zohar, and one of the greatest scholars of his time. It is a joyous holiday celebrating the end of a plague

that killed many of Rabbi Shimon's students; Tilden Park at the "Padre" picnic site; 540-5824.

May 28
"Preventing Teen STDs, AIDS and Pregnancy"; 7 - 7:30 p.m.; teens and parents of teens, phone in your questions about safe sex to BTV, cable channel 25 in Berkeley (the number will be posted during the broadcast). Shelly Ball and Kenn Dunn and a teen peer educator from BHS will answer your questions on Berkeley City Beat.

May 29
May Senior Day at Albany Library; 1:30 p.m.; a one hour film on Yosemite National park — a result of 9,000 hours spent on location. See Yosemite as you've never seen it before; Albany Library, 1247 Marin Ave., Albany; 745-1499.

Ongoing
KPFA Radio needs volunteers; May 28 - June 3; volunteers needed to answer phones during their Spring Fund Drive, groups, individuals welcome; raffie drawing, breakfast/dinner provided; 848-6767 x. 400.

Song Contest; Chief Operator Teen Driving Program, teens are urged to write their own Traffic Safety Song for prizes, fame, and public education; Chief Operator Program, c/o Albany Police Dept., 1000 San Pablo Ave., Albany, 94706 Deadline is Oct. 15.

Volunteers Needed to work in the Alzheimer's Respite Social Day Car program, Tuesdays from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. No experience necessary; call Ellen, 215-4340 for more information.

Crisis Support Services of Alameda County; motivated, committed people needed to serve the 24-hour crisis lines; formerly Suicide Prevention; 848-1515.

20 Year Reunion; Holy Names High School Class of 1977; call Seanene McCarthy at 530-0350.

Kensington 55+ Activity Center May 22; Design; Virginia Walker presents Great American Houses, pt. 2. Salad-bar potluck will be served.

May 29; Health; Patty Donahue, R.N. or Joint Works speaks about hip and knee care. Eleanor Wharton leads Great Books discussion on Sara Jewett's Country of the Pointed Firs.

Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave., Kensington; 526-9146.

North Berkeley Senior Center May 22; Documentary; 1 p.m.; Video — African's Stolen River

May 23; Planning Your Investments; 10:30 a.m.; 1 p.m.; Video Ballet, "Sleeping Beauty."

May 26; closed for Memorial Day May 27; 1:15 p.m.; Cutting Through Myths About Medi-Cal & Long Term Care with Fred Clark.

May 28; 1 p.m.; North Berkeley Seniors for Transportation with Walter Hale.

May 29; 1 p.m.; video movie, "Lilies of the Field"; 3 p.m.; Housing Problems, Legal Help with Berkeley Community Law Center.

Exhibits

Young Artists; 5 - 7 p.m. through June 3; a group exhibition showcasing 26

East Bay artists ages 1 - 16 years; Cafe Roma, Hopkins & Monterey, Berkeley.

The Artist Dah; 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday - Friday through May 30; Albany Community Services is featuring the photographic works of the Artist Dah, entitled the Campus Series, in the glass case gallery; Albany Community Center, 1249 Marin Ave.

Collage and Drawing; Colleen Schenck; features 12 unusual works by the artist; Valley Art Gallery; 1661 Botelho Dr., Walnut Creek; through May 17; 935-4311

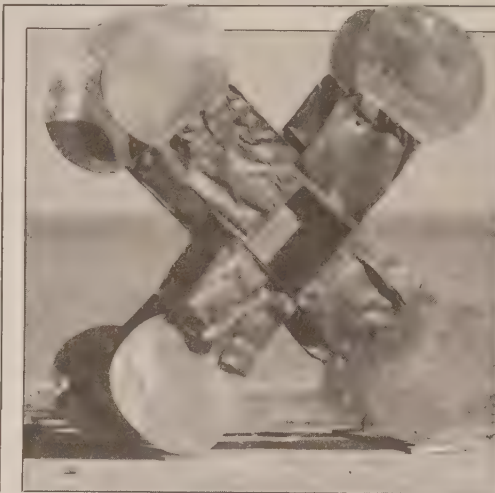
Berkeley Historical Center and Museum; "Berkeley Leads: 35 Years of Disability Rights," through October. An exhibit documenting the history of the

"Teranodon," A suspended skeleton of a flying reptile with a wingspan of 22 to 23 feet. The Teranodon lived at the same time as the dinosaurs.

California Fossils Exhibit. An exhibit of some of the fossils which have been excavated in California.

Free. Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Lobby, Valley Life Sciences Building, University of California, Berkeley. (510) 642-4877.

Judah L. Magnes Museum; "Celebration of Youth Arts Festival '97: A Palette of Cultures," through May 25. An exhibit of works by public school students age 14 to 18 exploring their culture and the diversity of cultures in the area.



An Abstract form

"Opening Form," a solo outdoor exhibit of contemporary steel sculpture by William Wareham spanning 20 years is currently on display at A New Leaf Gallery, 1286 Gilman St. A concurrent exhibit is also planned for Aquatic Park. The Berkeley artist's work uses recycled steel as the primary source for his sculpture. For more information call 525-7621.

disability rights movement and also the origins of the Physically Disabled Students' Program at University of California Berkeley in 1962.

Free. Thursday through Saturday, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. 1931 Center St., Berkeley. (510) 848-0181.

UC Museum of Paleontology; "Tyrannosaurus rex," A 20-foot tall, 40-foot long replica of the fearsome dinosaur. The replica is made from casts of bones of the most complete T. rex yet excavated. When unearthed in Montana, the bones were all lying in place with only a small piece of the tailbone missing

"When Artists Became Workers: The People's Art Movement of the '30s and '40s," through May 25. An exhibit focusing on the work of Jewish artists during the great Depression and how they attempted to depict the economic struggle of the everyday American.

Free. Sunday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. 2911 Russell St., Berkeley. (510) 549-6950.

Richmond Museum of History "Fertile Ground: The Richmond Area Circa

1900," open-ended. A look at Richmond as it was 90 years ago when it was primarily an agricultural community. The exhibit covers home life, recreational pursuits and the agricultural community which consisted of dairy farms and farms raising wheat, hay and grain.

"The History of Richmond from Native Americans to the Shipyards of the 1940s," permanent exhibit. An exhibit of artifacts, vehicles, clothing and photographs which tells the history of Richmond. Wednesday through Sunday, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. 400 Nevin Ave., Richmond. (510) 235-7387.

Lectures and Workshops

May 22
Copyright and Trademark Law Clinic; 6 - 8 p.m.; Jonathan Duman, attorney, provides one-on-one consultations about copyright and trademark law; Berkeley Public Library, 2090 Kittredge St., Berkeley; 649-3907.

Turning Point Career Center; 4 - 5 p.m.; drop-in support groups for job seekers and career changers; University YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, Berkeley; 848-6370; \$10 fee for nonmembers.

Resume Styles: Tips & Feedback; 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.; a mini-workshop at Turning Point Career Center, University YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, Berkeley; 848-6370; \$3 for nonmembers.

May 25
"Seize the Day: Work as a Process of Transformation"; 6 p.m.; Jack Petrander teaches how to use work to bring each moment alive by focussing on the process of accomplishment in a new way; Nyingma Institute; 1815 Highland Place, Berkeley; 843-6812.

May 27
"College Admissions Advising Program" 4:30 - 6 p.m.; free presentation by UC Berkeley Extension instructors and staff on the certificate program, course content and career opportunities; 1995 University Ave., Berkeley; 642-1172.

May 28
CoHousing Slide Presentation; 7 p.m.; architect Kathryn McCamant shares her CoHousing experiences; The CoHousing Company; 1250 Addison St. #113 (at Bonar), Berkeley; 549-9980.

May 29
Targeting Job Objectives that Work for You; 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.; a mini-workshop at the Turning Point Career Center, University YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, Berkeley; 848-6370; \$3 for nonmembers.

Ongoing
Learn to Write and Perform Your Own Poetry; 3:30-5 p.m.; poet and author, Richard Moore; Berkeley Public Library South Branch, 1901 Russell St., Berkeley; through May 27; 644-6860, 548-1240 (TDD).

Drop in Support Groups for job seekers; 4 - 5 p.m.; participants share feedback and support for maintaining motivation; Turning Point Career Center, University

YWCA; 2600 Bancroft Way, Berkeley; 848-6370; \$5 members, \$10 nonmembers.

Literary Events

May 25
Poetry Readings; 7 p.m.; Candice Lockett, Candice Lockett, follows David Lockett, Ave. Berkeley; 848-6370; \$5 members, \$10 nonmembers.

Barnes & Noble May 27; 7 p.m.; Sullivan and E. Water; Pocket Library; 2352 Shattuck Ave. 9237

Black Oak Books May 22; 7:30 p.m.; Holy Man's Journey.

May 27; 7:30 p.m.; rations.

May 28; 7:30 p.m.; The Fleet of Stars.

May 29; 7:30 p.m.; print for a Sustainable

1491 Shattuck Ave. 0698

Gala Bookstore and Center May 22; 7:30 p.m.; the Gardens of Dream

World of Women's Science May 23; 7:30 p.m.; Sacred Practices of

May 26; 7:30 p.m.; from spirit to matter.

May 27; 7:30 p.m.; The Mythic Path.

May 29; 7:30 p.m.; Anger, Madness & the

1400 Shattuck Ave. GAIA; all events \$3.

Easy Going Travel store

May 28; 7:30 p.m.; vises adventure travel

equipment, create a

May 29; 7:30 p.m.; Taliaferro shows slides

recent "Inner Labyrinth" 1385 Shattuck Ave. 3533.

La Peña May 28; 8 p.m.; Fernandez and Humberto

artist James Cagney, Stephanie Lewis; \$5

Meetings

May 23
Lawrence Dahme, Executive Director of

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Berkeley City Club, 2310

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Arts & Letters

East Bay Events



Clash members will lead the three-day comey jam.
Ready for Culture Clash at La Pena
 Cultural Center, with The National Performance Center, will be the place to see the nationally acclaimed theater group Clash, in a *Comedy Jam with Loco Locals*. The event is an exploration of satire, rap, spoken word, multi-media and improvisation. The three day comedy jam will include performances by 18 Mighty Mountain Warriors, Latina Theater Lab and other actors, poets and hip hop artists. The jam will perform May 23 — 25, with Sunday performance by a question and answer period, the Culture Clash and other participants. The show is at 8 p.m., tickets are \$15 for students.

Benefit concert to support trip to Cuba
 A benefit concert to help the Venceremos Brigade travel to Cuba for the World Youth Festival will be held tonight, May 22, at Ann Pig Farm, 2027 San Pablo Ave. at 7:30 p.m. The show will feature Rebecca Riots, Blackberry and others for a donation of \$7 to the Venceremos Brigade of the Bay Area is organizing a 16-day trip to Cuba, where thousands of youth from the continent are expected to gather for the festival and share their common experiences. For concert information call 415-267-0606, for information about the brigade call 415-267-0606.

Maker to give lecture at current exhibit
 The King Gallery will present a lecture/discussion tonight at 7 p.m. by former Berkeley Art Commissioner and nationally known printmaker and muralist Jos Sances, whose work has been featured in exhibitions from the Museum of Modern Art and the Whitney Museum in New York to the Yerba Buena Center in San Francisco. The event is being held in conjunction with Sances' current exhibit *Revelations & Mixed Blessings* continuing through June 10, King Gallery, 2284 Fulton St. (at Bancroft). Gallery hours: Thursdays 6-9 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays 12-6 p.m. or by appointment. For further information call 548-1062. The exhibit may also be viewed on the internet at: <http://king-gallery.com>.

Women writers
Present language
 Joy Harjo, a member of the Mescalero (Creek) Nation of Oklahoma, presents *North American Native Women: Reinventing the Language*. The event is for the Intertribal House and KPFA. It will be held Saturday, May 23, at the Middle School, 1781 14th St. at 8 p.m. Admission is free, \$12 at the door. Harjo has published several volumes of poetry and has received the National Achievement Award from the Native Writers Circle of the Americas. The event will also feature writers Gloria Bird, Ramona L. Roberts and Stanford Professor Robert Warrior (Osage). Willy Harjo will lead a drum and dance ceremony. Call 848-6767 for ticket information.



Joy Harjo

Bay Actors takes on Shakespeare
 The Bay Actors' Collective will present William Shakespeare's *Twelfth Night*, May 31 through June 29 at 6 p.m. in the Faculty Center at UC Berkeley on Thursday and Fridays. Directed by Shawn Kairschner, the play is a popular comedy about separated twins and the amorous havoc they wreak in the country of Illyria. The collective is composed of alumni of UC Berkeley. Admission is free, donations are appreciated. For information call 238-8900.



More East Bay events next page

Orchestra lives up to its unusual nature

By Marilyn Tucker

San Francisco composer David Sheinfeld wasn't kidding when he remarked to a Berkeley Symphony audience that "you will probably find it difficult to listen to it." Sheinfeld, a long-time violinist with the San Francisco Symphony whose compositions are in the repertoire of quite a few American orchestras, was referring to his Symphony No. 1 "Polarities," which the Berkeley Symphony under Kent Nagano's direction, offered as a world premiere last Thursday (May 15) at Zellerbach Auditorium.

What's remarkable about this "First" Symphony, from a historical point of view, is that it was written in 1990, when the composer was already 84 years old. Thus Thursday's premiere was also a birthday tribute for Sheinfeld, who recently reached

the age of 90 and who, according to his peppy appearance and remarks at the concert, is hale, hearty and raring to go.

Like other significant pieces from Sheinfeld's body of work, "Polarities" explores a musical language of seemingly incompatible materials, including tonal harmonies going for attention with fiercely atonal ones or tempos and rhythms going in many different directions at the same time.

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tween various extremes. The lyric is contrasted with the violent, loudness with softness, high drama with resolution, unisons and tonal phrases with atonal blocks and harmonies.

As anyone who is familiar with the last couple of decades in the Berkeley Symphony's history, this was gist for the mill of Nagano and his merry band, who actually seemed to be having fun turning out the kaleidoscopic sonorities of "Polarities." Masses of strident sound occasionally reached epic proportions, and the performance indicated not only a sense of commitment but hewed to the idea

that it all made good sense as well.

Even with a trained ear it would probably have been impossible to recognize many of the phrases and polyphonies that Sheinfeld so patiently outlined in his introductory remarks. So much was going on that it was impossible to recognize any synthesis of foregoing ideas that he promised at one point. Nor for that matter did anything sound "gloomy" in the 20-minute work. And while the incessant urging of a snare-drum roll was apparent, the promised chanting of French horns was not.

Sheinfeld's Symphony No. 1 harkens back to an earlier time when most composers explored musical language that was uncompromisingly intellectual. It was a kick to go back 30 or more years, especially after Sheinfeld's remarks and Nagano's gracious

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The life and times of Billy Holliday on the flip side

Lady Sings the Blues, The Flip Side, at the Black Repertory Group Theatre through Saturday, May 24th.

By Wanda Sabir

Lady Sings the Blues, (The Flip Side) is advertised as a musical/drama told in the Diva's own words. The play explores Billie Holliday's relationship with her mother and father, cousins, grandmother and great-grandmother, who was a former slave.

The show opens with several cast members in stunning costumes (Nina Causey, Valentina Wilson, Danita Burton, Amber Harris, and Pamela Flax) portraying Billie Holliday. As the actresses sit, recline, or stand, on stage chatting, each of them focuses on a specific period in Holliday's life: her adolescence in Harlem during the 1920's, the excitement of working in New York City's Jazz Clubs with the musicians who brought jazz to the forefront of American culture. Lady Day's dazzling rise to the top, as well as the men in her life, and the destructive influence drugs and alcohol had on her eventual decline and early death.

The opening is a prelude for the dramatic storytelling which

follows, or should at least, which should have followed.

I saw *Lady Sings the Blues* early on in the run. I liked the earlier version of the play, directed by Winston Williams better. Under the direction of Williams and Sean Vaughn Scott, portions of the play have been eliminated, and other parts are now told through narration. This slowed the down the pace, the evening I attended.

On the plus side, however, the directors' added a delightful nightclub scene and expanded the already wonderful, "Love for sale." Actor, Adam Gold plays a very funny night club owner, and the scenes at Jerry's Club, add a realistic flavor to the show. Singer/actress Nina Causey, whose "adult Billie Holliday" was gorgeous to look at and had great stage presence. However, Causey's voice couldn't carry the role; there wasn't enough variation in her tone to give each piece a unique flavor. Considering the fact that this production had no lack of willing and able actresses to play Billie, the Billie numbers could have been spread out a little more evenly among them.

Fourteen-year-old Amber Harris, who played Holliday as a child, and Danita Burton, "young Billie," were a treat to watch and listen to.



Amber Harris plays a young Billy Holliday in the Black Repertory Theatre's production of 'Lady Sings the Blues, The Flip Side.'

Harris' Holliday was so cute as she scrubbed the steps outside of Ms. Dee's brothel, earning the favor of listening to the Madam's, (actress Phyllis Williams,) Vitrola.

Later on, when "little Billie's" mom, actress Pamela Flax, tells her daughter to turn down the music and go outside to play with the other girls, Harris' Billie frowns, and says: "Mama when I come home from work I just want to relax with my Vitrola," then resumes swinging her leg to the music, as she swivels on her little stool.

"Young lady Billie," actress Danita Burton, is hilarious as she walks through the audience looking for a job, any job. "I have to have a job," she says as she keeps getting turned down until she stumbles upon a sign in a night club auditioning dancers.

The finale is a musical hit as everyone gets a chance to sing a few verses of *Ain't Nobody's Business...* The band features Frank Raemone Bowden on piano, Lanier Pruitt on drums and Al Glasco on upright bass. Craig

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Beware the Commies in 'Chef in love'



Nino Kirtadze as Cecilia Abachidze and Perre Richard as Pascal Ichac.

Foreign film a foray into fantasy

By Renata Poll

It isn't every day that you see a movie's opening credits written in the Georgian alphabet (it's similar but not identical to the Cyrillic alphabet). That in itself is a kick, as is much else about *A Chef in Love* — much, though not quite enough.

The Georgian/French co-production, directed by Nana Djordjadze and written by her husband Irakli Kvirikadze, is set

partly in Georgia in the 1920s, partly in Paris more or less in the present — though if you do the math, the characters' ages don't compute. Never mind. As much fantasy as realism, *A Chef in Love* isn't overly concerned with the literal.

The chef in question is one Pascal Ichac (played by the great French "tall blond man with one black shoe," Pierre Richard), who's also an international gigolo, opera singer, connoisseur of the

grape and of women, Dionysian lover of life — a regular Zorba the French. In a train traveling through Georgia, he meets the much-younger Princess Cecilia Abachidze (Nino Kirtadze), produces a gorgeous meal for her right on the spot, and wins her heart. "He's old," someone reminds her. "He's French," she replies. That explains everything, of course.

Settling in the Georgian city of Tbilisi, Pascal and Cecilia open an elegant restaurant, the New Eldorado, where they wow the

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locals, not to mention celebrities who come to dine, such as Winston Churchill, the poet Rabindranath Tagore, etc.

The narrative is interspersed with comic vignettes: A scene from Pascal's operatic career is particularly funny, and the episodes illustrating his legendary powers of smell (he can detect the exact ingredients of any dish, he can smell a bomb) are amusing. The present-day scenes work less well. The whole Pascal/Cecilia story is told in flashback from a frame story involving Cecilia's son Anton (Jean-Yves Gautier) and Pascal's niece, the cigar-smoking Marcelle (played by the legendary beauty, Micheline Presle). The frame story serves little purpose except to confuse the audience.

But foodies salivating for yet

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East Bay Events

Renowned novelist/screenwriter to read

Noted novelist/screenwriter Barry Gifford will be the featured guest for the third installment of the "Living Library Series" presented by Berkeley Millwork and Furniture. Gifford will read excerpts from and sign his latest work *The Phantom Father: A Memoir*, evoking the mystery and allure of his racketeer father's life. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Families for Literacy program of the Berkeley Public Library.

The reading will be held tonight, May 22, at 7 p.m. at the new showroom of Berkeley Mills Furniture, located at 2830 7th St., two blocks north of Ashby. Seating is limited and reservations are required by calling 549-2845 or faxing 548-0865.

Competition for Jewish Poetry Award

The Anna Davidson Rosenberg Award for Poems on the Jewish Experience is holding its 1997 competition, sponsored by the Judah Magnes Jewish Museum. This is the only nation-wide competition for unpublished poetry on the Jewish experience.

Writers wishing to enter should first send a self-addressed stamped envelope for an entry form and guidelines by July 31 to Poetry Award, Judah Magnes Museum, 2911 Russell St., Berkeley, 94705. Awards include \$100 for first place, \$50 for second place, \$25 for third place, \$25 for Emerging Poet Award and honorable mentions. Writers under age 19 are also eligible for a Youth Commendation and poets over 65 are also eligible for a Senior Award. Winning poems will be read in a ceremony at the Magnes during Chanukah. For more information call 549-6950.

Alta Bates hosts celebrity tennis classic

Tennis legends John Newcombe and Bob Lutz will be featured in the 1997 Alta Bates Celebrity Tennis Classic at the Berkeley Tennis Club on Saturday, May 31. Sports, media and entertainment celebrities will be paired with patron players from the community for doubles matches throughout the day. Tickets to the event are \$25 and will benefit programs at Alta Bates Medical Center. For further information call 1-888-COURT-97.

Berkeley chorus looking for singers

Singers of all ages and skill are invited to join the Berkeley Community Chorus this summer to rehearse, perform and record the Human Rights Cantata. Written by Berkeley composer James F. Woods, the work contains solos and choruses based on words from the UN Charter, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and folk songs of many nations.

Rehearsals take place at St. Ambrose Church, 1145 Gilman St. north Berkeley, on Mondays, from 7 to 10 p.m., beginning on June 2 with a performance on July 27. No formal training or experience needed. Tuition is \$50 in advance, \$60 at the door, scholarships are available. Call director Arlene Sagan at 528-2145 for more information.

Orchestra

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hosting disarmed the audience completely.

At the work's conclusion, the Berkeley Symphony rewarded Sheinfeld with a huge birthday cake. I didn't count the masses of burning candles, but I would make a bet that there were 90 of them. The orchestra then amused everyone with a "Happy Birthday" in which every instrument was playing in a different key and rhythm. Anyone left in a disturbing dark over Sheinfeld's "Polarities" was surely won over by this wonderfully witty homage.

Rare birds on the program

Sheinfeld's "Polarities" wasn't the only rare bird to turn up on this program. Mark Izu's musical the-

ater piece "Mermaid" was another "first" for the Berkeley Symphony. Lastly there was Bartok's "Miraculous Mandarin" Suite, which had provoked scandals in an earlier era.

Izu's crossover music in Western, Eastern and jazz disciplines has a large following. In "Mermaid," he added to the western symphony orchestra the sho, a multi-reed wind instrument that must be continually warmed over a heater to keep it in tune, the koto, a 21-string zitherlike instrument, and the changgo, a Korean hourglass drum. Into this challenging fusion he placed the remarkable performance artist Brenda Wong Aoki, who recited and acted out an ancient Japanese tale about the miraculous powers

Symphony ends season with a bang

By Marilyn Tucker

The mighty theater organ at the Paramount Theatre was the star of the Oakland East Bay Symphony's final performance of the season Friday.

Michael Morgan had begun the program with a fairly relaxed, though fervent, performance of one of the finest of Bach's 200 church cantatas, No. 21 "Ich hatte viel Bekümmernis in meinem Herzen," which can be translated to something like "I had much worry in my heart."

But if there was worry in Morgan's heart, it was displaced in the second half of the program, Saint-Saëns' Symphony No. 3 in C minor, which the world knows for obvious reasons as the "Organ Symphony."

You couldn't ask for a more dedicated organist than the one the orchestra chose, John Fenstermaker, organist and choir-master at Grace Cathedral. Strictly speaking, the organist is not a real soloist in this work but a participant offering "harmonious noise," as the composer wrote in an analysis.

Well, I guess so. When Fenstermaker placed his hands on one of the organ's four keyboards to invoke the opening chord in a section Saint-Saëns labeled "Maestoso," the audience knew it was in for the real thing. Not for no reason was Saint-Saëns called the "French Beethoven" by Gounod following the symphony's premiere in London.

There is much that leads up to the majesty of the finale, well-developed themes of great tranquility, calm and contemplation. The swirling construction of a Presto section suggests a fantasy world. But all is resolved in the section to which the organ adds its enormous summing-up voice.

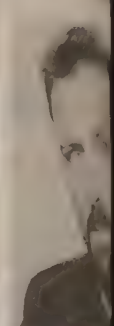
The orchestra was in full



Organist John Fenstermaker



Soprano Alison Buchanan



Baritone Douglas

strength, and the exciting nature of the work's conclusion was palpable to the audience, which also let out the stops at the work's conclusion. To his credit, Morgan paid attention to all the details of this engaging music, never rushing into its foregone conclusion.

If the end of the program and the season rested on this keystone of strength, it took a bit of doing to get there. There was much to admire in Cantata No. 21, but the imbalance of performing forces created problems that were never fully resolved.

Morgan quite rightly reduced the orchestra to minimum numbers, but Magen Solomon's Oakland Symphony Chorus stretched from sea to shining sea, about 100 voices in all. And while the chorus performed the cantata's several choruses with a much clearer focus than it had in the Brahms' Requiem earlier in the season, the sheer imbalance in numbers was always problematic.

As for the soloists, three good singers who have performed well in more congenial atmospheres, they were simply swamped. Soprano Alison Buchanan, tenor John Swenson and baritone Douglas Nagel did their best, but it wasn't enough. The vocal line

often faltered and died away, also sounding vague and constricted. The Paramount is simply the wrong place to perform Bach cantatas without making great sacrifices.

The Oakland East Bay Symphony has now completed its ninth season, seven of them under Michael Morgan's direction. And while the orchestra has a long way to go before it reaches the glory days of the old Oakland Symphony during the '60s, it adds a vital voice to the community. Programs

for next season, everything from premieres to Beethoven No. 5, look Now if only silence the soprano marks made by a member before resorting to an ego trip in a drone on about ready in the prime serves no music should be stopped.

OEBS announces new season

The Oakland East Bay Symphony, under the baton of music director Michael Morgan, will present five concerts in its 1998 season.

Three of the five concerts will also feature the Oakland Symphony Chorus, directed by Magen Solomon.

The season opens Jan. 30 with the premiere of Mark Kilstofte's *Recurring Dreams: Variations*. Also on the program is Mahler's *Lieder eines fahrenden Gesellen* (Songs of a Wayfarer) with baritone Christopheren Nomura. Nomura, soprano Alison Buchanan and the Oakland Symphony Chorus will join the symphony in Vaughan Williams' *Dona Nobis Pacem*, a pre-World War II prayer for peace.

The second concert, Feb. 27, features the premiere of David Dzubay's *Symphony No. 1*.

This is the OEBS' traditional "side by side" concert, in which top student musicians sit in with the orchestra.

The Oakland Youth Orchestra, of which Morgan is also music director, will join the OEBS in Respighi's *Pines of Rome*.

Finally, the winner of the OEBS Young Artist Competition will perform a concerto with the orchestra.

Five East Bay choruses will join the orchestra for the third concert of the season, titled "Let Us Break Bread Together," on March 27.

The participants are the Oakland Symphony Chorus, the Oakland Interfaith Gospel Choir (Terrence Kelley, director), UC-Berkeley Chamber Chorus

(Marika Kuzma, land Youth Chor Morant, artistic Laney Concert Kinchen, director will perform ind masse.

The program Perla's arrangement Song for the Sime cerpts from Jerome Boat and Leonar Candide, plus songs and works by David Come.

The fourth concert features Bartok's Strings. Percussion Brahms' Concerto Cello, with violinist and cellist Joseph work by an American poser (to be announced).

The final concertures the OaklandStrus, the Piedmont Choir, and a guest announced in the Boito's *Mephistopheles*.

The program also premiere of Daron Postcards From Beethoven's Sym.

"Next year OEBS another diverse selection particularly fine selection soloists," said Morgan.

All concerts are Theatre. Season tickets \$44 to \$150; single tickets from \$11 to \$38. For more details, call at 446-1992.

Later this year, be available through mount Box Office. BASS outlets. 762-2

Izu's crossover music in Western, Eastern and jazz disciplines has a large following.

concert suite that Nagano conducted Thursday. In its energy, rhythms and massive sonorities it is as exceptional as Stravinsky's "Rite of Spring," which had been written only a few years before.

The performance underscored the wild eroticism inherent in the narrative. It was a fitting season's climax for one of the country's, if not the world's, most unusual and fearless symphony orchestras.

Holliday

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Browning, on electronic keyboard, accompanied Pamela Flax in a wonderful rendition of the Sarah Vaughn standard *Solitude*.

For those interested in the true story of one of history's finest stars, check out *Lady Sings the Blues*, (the Flip Side), at the Black Repertory Group Theatre, 3201 Adeline Street, Berkeley, CA; Thursday, Friday, and Saturday at 8 p.m. Saturday matinee at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are \$3-10. For information call 652-2120.

Film

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another cinematic course such as *Big Night* or *Babette's Feast* are in for more disappointments than just a redundant frame story. Like a <I>ragout</I> whose flavors haven't blended and mellowed, *A Chef in Love* jars the taste buds, especially in its second half.

That's where the Communist Revolution reaches Georgia. Did I say "reaches"? "Overwhelms" would be more like it. Depicted in caricatures normally reserved for movie Nazis, the film's Commu-

nists, led by an officer named Zigmund, rape the country. Not only do Zigmund and his swinish troops, who relish eating the most disgusting food — a capital crime right there — confiscate Pascal's beloved restaurant; Zigmund also falls in love with Cecilia and forces her to marry him. (I'm not sure how you can force someone to marry you, but, once again, never mind.)

Director Djordjadze needs to learn a lesson from her villains and take control — not of a country, but of her picture's tone, which

is deliciously sybaritic one moment, a grim indictment of Communism the next. However, the scenes set in the Georgian countryside, with its exuberant singers and dancers, and in the city of Tbilisi (I don't know whether it was actually shot there or not, but I suspect so) really convey the flavor of "the old country." Makes you want to pack your bag and buy a plane ticket.

Then again, you never know when those Commies might come stomping in.

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mentally ill; 2809 Wiswall
Ave.; 232-1136.

Albany Schizophrenia Associa-
tion, 10 a.m.; Current Interventions
on Obsessive Compulsive
Disorder and Adults will be
University Christian Church,
10 a.m.; at Scenic Avenue, Berke-
ley; 361.

Foundation of Northern
Berkeley Support Group;
10 a.m.; Dr. John Walker of UCSF
guest speaker; Alta Bates
Medical Center; 893-6272 or 800-

Gray Panthers
10:30 a.m.; News Letter

12 p.m.; Education Commit-

ment St., Berkeley; 527-3790

Physical Toastmasters: 6:15 -
7:30 p.m.; public speaking skills and
public together; ongoing
first and third Thursdays.

and Cadis, guitar; 7:30 p.m.;
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May 22; 8:30 p.m. That One Guy
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May 24; 8:30 p.m.; Blue & Tan Street
May 28; 8:30 p.m.; Papa's Culture
May 29; 5:30 p.m.; That One Guy
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La Peña Cultural Center
May 22; 8 p.m.; Latin jazz group
Variedades; \$8.

3105 Shattuck Ave.; Berkeley 849-
2568.

Starry Plough Restaurant & Pub
May 22; 9:30 p.m.; Swallow, Turpen-
tine, Earl Butter; \$3

May 23; 9:45 p.m.; The Kinetics, Hoe;
\$6

May 24; 9:45 p.m.; Harvey Mandel's
Electric Snake Band; The Natives; \$7

May 29; TBA

3101 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley; 841-
2082

Outdoors

May 22

Survival Tips for Backcountry
Emergencies; 7 p.m.; Jim Wilents
illustrates with slides and stories of his
tried-and-true survival tips. Start a fire
without matches, find dinner in the wilds;
REI Berkeley; 1338 San Pablo Ave.,
Berkeley; 527-4140, x. 208.

May 29

Backpacking Basics; 7 p.m.; camp-
ing specialist Martin Dickinson reviews
fundamental how-to's of selecting gear

for a weekend backpacking trip, finding
the perfect boot fit, layering your cloth-
ing for maximum warmth, and other tricks
of the trade; REI Berkeley; 1338 San
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Ongoing

Holt Planetarium; No knowledge of
astronomy is required for these shows.
Programs are recommended for ages 8
and up; no children under age 6 will be
admitted.

"Moons of the Solar System" through
June 15. A tour of the moons of our solar
system, each one unique. Saturday and
Sunday, 2:15 p.m.

"Constellations Tonight," through
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tions for the season in the planetarium
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"Saturday Night Stargazing," on-
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urday, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. Free.

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eral; \$4 students, seniors and children
ages 7 to 18; children under the age of 6
are not admitted. Lawrence Hall of Sci-
ence, University of California, Centen-
nial Drive, Berkeley; 642-5132.

Tilden Regional Park; Botanical
Garden Tours; 2 p.m.; guided docent
tours of the gardens. Call ahead to con-
firm tour is on for the day. Saturday and
Sunday; 841-8732.

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urday and Sunday, 1:30 p.m. Meet at the
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9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Botanical Garden,
Centennial Drive, behind Memorial Sta-
dium, a mile below Lawrence Hall of

Science; 642-3343.

Religion

May 25

Berkeley Fellowship of Unitarian
Universalists; 10:30 a.m.; "Dreams and
Wholeness: Redefining the Mundane,"
speaker Jeremy Taylor. Children's Pro-
gram: child care for toddlers, classes for
preschool through junior high; 1606
Bonita St., Berkeley; 836-0485.

Christian Science Service; 10 a.m.;
"Soul and Body" is the subject; Second
Church of Christ Scientist; 848-2047

Ongoing

Midweek Bible Study/Prayer Meet-
ing; 7 p.m. every Friday; Agape Baptist
Church; everyone is welcome, feel free
to call Prayer Team for prayer requests,
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and you shall be prayed for; 233-8867.

Theater/Dance/Film

May 23

Love Song Later — The gospel of
Johnny Ace, America's next rock and
roll messiah; 8 p.m.; world-premiere
one man show written and performed by
Frank Wortham; May 23, 24, 30, 31, and
every Monday night in June; Impact The-
atre, 1066 Kains Ave. #3, Albany; 464-
4468; \$10 general admission.

May 26

Point Richmond's 4th annual neigh-
borhood garage sale; 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.;
benefits the Masquers Playhouse; furni-
ture, clothing, kitchen items, books, re-
cordings, etc.; starts at Masquers Play-
house, 105 Park Place, Point Richmond;
232-3888; maps to all participating homes
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Ongoing

Pacific Film Archive; "Salaam Cin-
ema: The Films of Mohsen Makhmalbaf,"
through May 31; A retrospective of films
by, and about, popular Iranian filmmaker
Mohsen Makhmalbaf. Titles include:
"Marriage of the Blessed," "Time of
Love," "The Actor" and "The Peddler."
Call for a screening schedule; 2625 Durant
Ave., Berkeley; 642-5249 or 642-
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Shotgun Players; 8 p.m.; "Dalliance"
by Tom Stoppard, through May 31. A
comedy about two men who yearn for the
women they can't have; Thursday through
Saturday; LaVal's Subterranean Theatre,
1834 Euclid Ave., Berkeley. (510) 716-
9082; \$10 general; \$8 seniors and stu-
dents.

Black Repertory Group; Sunday, 8
p.m.; "Our Streets, Our Neighborhood"
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channel 25 in Berkeley.

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phone in their own questions or
listen in as staffers from the Berke-
ley High School Health Center dis-
cuss teen safer sex for teens. Shelly
Ball, Health Education Coordina-
tor, Kenn Dunn, AmeriCorps Health
Educator, and a teen peer educator
will also discuss how the Center
reaches out to young people at the
high school to help them take charge
of their own health.

The discussion will be part of
Berkeley City Beat," a series of

programs produced by Berkeley
Community Media and the City of
Berkeley to snake viewers more
aware of useful direct services of-
fered by the City.

The program will be taped and
repeated on: Thursday, May 29, 7
am, Friday, May 30, 1 pm, Sunday,
June 1, 8 am, Thursday, June 5, 7
am, Friday, June 6, 1 pm, Sunday,
June 8, 8 am. Viewers can also set
their vcrs to tape the program for
later viewing.

The Berkeley High School
Health Center provides a wide
range of health services to stu-
dents. It is located in the B Build-
ing, room B 145; its phone num-
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Muir Woods, Alcatraz charging entrance fees

Visitors to Muir Woods National
Monument will be charged a \$2
entrance fee, beginning Friday. The
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years old and older.

Revenue from the new entrance
fee, authorized by Congress as part
of the Fiscal Year 96 and Fiscal
Year 97 Appropriation Acts, will
go toward new exhibits and restor-
ing the Redwood Creek watershed,
including Big Lagoon.

An annual Muir Woods Park Pass
will be available for \$15. The pass

will admit the card holder, spouse,
parents and children. Golden Eagle
passports and Golden Age pass-
ports will also be honored at Muir
Woods.

Alcatraz was also approved for
a fee under the Recreation Fee
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(NAPS)—Thirty million people worldwide—including 14 million in the United States—depend on medications called "nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs" to relieve their aches and pains, primarily due to arthritis. And all evidence shows that for many users, these drugs—including aspirin, ibuprofen, oxaprozin and other such medications—are an effective way to maintain their productivity and quality of life, despite their ailments.

But use of NSAIDs can also have a price: It's estimated that, overall, a quarter of regular NSAID users will develop ulcers or other gastrointestinal complications—some of which are life-threatening. In a study published August 15, 1995, in the *Annals of Internal Medicine*, it was found that NSAID users are at higher risk if they are older, have heart disease or have a history of ulcers or gastrointestinal bleeding.

"NSAIDs are important, needed drugs; for many people, they provide much-needed relief from pain and inflammation," says Fred Silverstein, M.D., the gastroenterologist who served as the lead author of the research report. "But for approximately one to two percent (which translates into 140,000 to 280,000 individuals in the United States alone), they can cause life-threatening GI side effects. This study demonstrated that use of a drug called misoprostol significantly reduces the occurrence of such serious complications."

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complications by 40 percent.

Like other medications, misoprostol can cause some side effects of its own—of which the most common are diarrhea and abdominal pain. However, these symptoms are rarely severe and are usually transient, lasting a few days at the beginning of therapy. In addition, Cytotec should not be taken by women who are or may become pregnant.

Regular NSAID users, say physicians, should be on the watch for common GI side effects of NSAIDs, such as indigestion, nausea and abdominal cramps. If they

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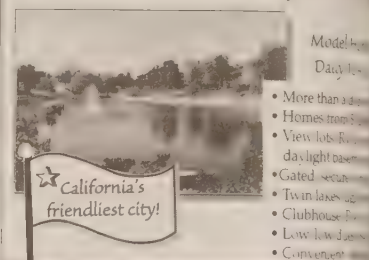
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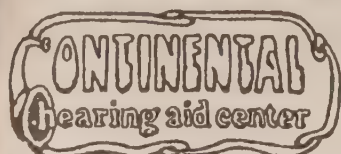
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■ Martin Snapp

Nelly, I Hardly Knew Ye: A little over a year ago, when my cat Eliza died, I wrote in this column that I would never love another person or thing as much.

That was before the kittens entered into my life. I got Nelly first (she's the one with the sad face on your right) last Labor Day, and Phoebe (she's the one looking downward on the left) a month later. And though they never took Eliza's place in my heart, I learned to love again.

I hate to admit it, but Nelly was my favorite. She was always the sickly one, and you always have a soft spot for your problem child, don't you? She was my Tiny Tim (and I mean the Dickens character, not the guy who got married on the Johnny Carson show).

Nelly's sad story started when she was just a few days old. She was found in the middle of the street with an upper respiratory infection and eyes scabbed shut from conjunctivitis. She was starving to death, but she was too weak to eat.

The usual procedure in a case like this would be to put her to death. But she was so sweet and so dear, the doctor in charge of the emergency clinic just couldn't bring himself to do it. So he stuck a feeding tube down her throat and slowly nursed her back to life again.

But not to complete health. Nelly still had that eye infection that made her eyes run all the time. So after I adopted her, I took her to an animal ophthalmologist in El Cerrito named Dennis Hacker.

Dr. Hacker is — how shall I put it? — a character. Like any good eye doctor, he has eye charts on the wall. But his charts are for his animal patients. The cat eye chart has pictures of birds, mice and food bowls. The dog eye chart has pictures of bones, fire hydrants and, yes, cats.

Anyway, Hacker ran some tests and found out what was causing Nelly's eye problems — herpes! It turns out every kitten is exposed to the herpes virus at birth, but the overwhelming majority never come down with the full-blown disease because they also get antibodies from their mother through her milk.

But since Nelly was orphaned practically from day one, she never had a mom to nurse her, so she never got those antibodies.

The good news is that cat herpes can be treated — with a high-tech combination of interferon and protease inhibitor eye drops.

The bad news is that you have to administer it over a long period of time, starting with 10 sets of drops per day.

Can you imagine what a drag this must be for the cat? Yet Nelly stoically put up with it, as if she knew that, in my own fumbling way, I meant well.

And it worked. The herpes was cleared up, although it had done so much structural damage that Nelly was condemned to have runny eyes for the rest of her life.

I finally finished her treatment last week. We had a little ceremony to celebrate the event, featuring a ritual dumping of the eye drop bottle into the dumpster. At last, I could pick her up without her worrying that I was going to stick something in her eye again!

Unfortunately, there was one other thing she never got from her mother — street smarts. She never learned how to be a cat. She was clueless. And I think that's what happened last Saturday night.

It was a real scorcher, remember? So at 8:30 I opened the door to let Nelly and Phoebe catch a little fresh air on the front stoop.

Phoebe came back a few minutes later, but no Nelly.

I got a flashlight and started patrolling the neighborhood, rattling her food jar and calling her name, my voice getting more frantic by the minute.

I spent most of the night searching. Finally, at about 3 a.m., I went to bed. But I left the front door open a crack, just in case she came back.

At 5 a.m. I was up again, plastering the neighborhood with posters. I kept looking until about 9:30, when my neighbor over the back yard fence called, "Uh oh, Martin! I think you'd better come over and look at this."

It was Nelly. She was dead. As best we can figure out, she got panicked by his dogs' barking and tried to squeeze under his woodshed. But she got stuck. I don't know what actually killed her — suffocation or literally dying of fright. All I know is that she died terrified and alone and in the dark.

I buried her Monday morning in the back yard, right next to Eliza. Unlike Eliza, who lived to almost 17, Nelly died when she was only nine months old. I will always be haunted by what she might have been.

Phoebe is inconsolable. She keeps crying and wandering all over the apartment, looking for Nelly. Her heart is broken.

So is mine.

Martin Snapp's column appears every Thursday in the Journal. Write him c/o Hills Newspapers, 2936 Domingo Ave., Berkeley 94705, phone (510) 273-9039, or e-mail Snapp@BMUG.org or catman1@creative.net. In lieu of flowers, please send a contribution to the Berkeley-East Bay Humane Society, P.O. Box 2222, Berkeley CA

Thwart

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—approached the woman in her front yard on Midcrest Way, brandished a semi-automatic pistol and directed her into the house, Horgan said. The suspects then told the woman to call her husband in from the back yard and took him captive as well.

Both victims were described as in their 50s.

During the course of the two-hour robbery, one of the suspects drove the woman to a local bank and allegedly forced her to cash a check for an undisclosed amount. She was then returned to her home, where both victims were bound hand and foot with duct tape while the suspects searched for valuables, Horgan said.

According to Horgan, though, the woman was able to "shuffle" into another room, where she found a knife that the couple used to free themselves. Her husband then armed himself with a shotgun and spotted one of the suspects at the bottom of a stairwell.

The man apparently tried to fire at the suspect but forgot to release the safety, Horgan said. As the suspect drew his pistol, the man released the safety and fired blindly down the stairwell, causing minor damage to items in his home.

The man then backed away from the stairs and lost track of the suspect. According to police, he then went outside and saw the suspect fleeing on foot. He fired three more shots: one ricocheted and hit a neighbor's garage, while the other two were most likely fired into the air, Horgan said. The suspect then ran to where his accomplice, who told police he'd been locked out of the home during the course of the robbery, was waiting in the getaway car, a four-door Toyota Corolla.

Two Kensington Police units that happened to be in the area were the first to respond to the reported gunshots. One unit chased the two suspects, while the other confronted the shotgun-wielding victim and ordered him to relinquish his weapon.

"All they've got is a man with a shotgun standing in

Outlook

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are to avoid running this ship on the ground," he said.

According to city financial projections for July 1, 1998 to June 30, 2002, there will be a shortfall of about \$2 million a year starting in July, 1998.

The city staff's four-year projections reveal a gap of \$900,000 to \$1.4 million per year between the city's service expenditures (that is, their operating budget) and their current revenue sources.

Pokorny said the outlook for capital investment (for public facilities such as parks, libraries, playgrounds, streets, storm drains, and so on) "is largely the story of many identified needs and few resources." It is a story with the same ending as the service/revenue story: A projected shortfall of about \$1 million each year, starting in July, 1998.

Pokorny said the 1997-98 budget "is presented tonight maintaining basic services ... and reflects the mixed result at the polls last November."

Pokorny reminded the audience of the approval of Measure G (funding basic landscape and street lighting) and the defeat of Measure H (funding El Cerrito Fire Department's operations) at the polls. "We all know you get what you pay for, what we forget is you also don't get what you don't pay for," he added.

Pokorny shifted from civic responsibility to the

Surplus

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Treasurer are essentially one-person departments, Police Chief Larry Murdo runs the city's largest department, with nearly 40 full-time equivalent employees and expenditures in excess of \$3 million last fiscal year. Departments falling under the jurisdiction of the council include Fire and Emergency Medical Services (20 employees, nearly \$2 million last year), Community Development and Environmental Resources (17 employees, \$1.7 million), Recreation and Community Services (8.95 employees, \$825,000) and Finance and Administrative Services (5 employees, \$330,000).

These departments are run by their council-appointed department heads, who answer to the office of the City Administrator (5 employees, \$254,452). The City Administrator, in turn, answers to the five-member council, which spent a scant \$13,654 last year, the least of any department.

Setting city's goals

The council sets the budget for all departments, is able to place initiatives on the ballot, and in general dictates the direction in which Albany is headed (the Board of Education is a separate entity, with its own budget and its own elected leaders). Beyond basic services, such as police and fire, the council's actions emanate largely from their goals and the three-year work program which accompanies them.

A much-abbreviated list of the city's goals:

- To enhance economic development in a manner which emphasizes sustainable development. Actions taken under this goal include approval of a three-point development strategy for the Cleveland Avenue/Eastshore Highway area, San Pablo Avenue and Solano Avenue, redevelopment of the former Villa Motel site, and working with UC-Berkeley to improve housing and economic development at University Village.

- To preserve and enhance the city's natural resources and open space. The City Council placed Measure R on the November, 1996 ballot, raising approximately \$450,000 per year to purchase land on Albany Hill, restore creeks and buy land for recreational play fields. Albany also planted 600 street trees last year, with another 250 on the way this fall.

- To improve the quality of communication between the public and the city. Albany has hosted community planning efforts such as the Solano Avenue Work Program and the San Pablo Avenue Vision Plan, has a booth every September at the Solano Avenue Stroll and a City Hall open house each fall.

- To improve the city's facilities and infrastructure. The city is currently in the midst of a sewer rehabilitation program, is looking at underground utilities on Buchanan Street, and will complete a Watershed Management Plan this fall.

- To provide efficient, cost effective government. The city is in the midst of purchasing its streetlight system from PG&E, is looking at streamlining the

the middle of the street," Horgan said. While police confirmed that the man was indeed the victim, the other unit pursued the suspects south on Arlington Avenue toward Berkeley at speeds of up to 60 miles per hour.

According to Horgan, the suspects stopped at one point during the chase as if to surrender, then continued until they struck a parked car at Marin Circle in Berkeley. They tried to escape on foot, but were taken into custody after a brief struggle.

Police recovered evidence from the suspects' car, including handguns stolen from the victims' home. The two were charged with robbery-related kidnapping, commercial and residential burglary, resisting arrest and disregard for safety. Officers from Albany, Berkeley, El Cerrito, Kensington and Richmond were involved at one point or another in the incident.

According to Horgan, the home invasion was not random, as Huynh knew a family member of the victims and was apparently dressed as a woman to mask his true identity.

"That was kind of an interesting disguise," Horgan said. Huynh wore a wig, but not a dress. As for the degree to which he resembled a woman, Horgan said, "It depends on who you talk to."

Two Kensington officers received minor injuries, as did the suspects, who were taken to Highland Hospital and then returned to the El Cerrito Police Department for booking. The suspects apparently did not return the victim's gunfire, and were not hit by the shotgun.

As for the wisdom of challenging armed robbers, Horgan said such situations should be viewed on a case by case basis. "When somebody's threatening to kill you, I would say your safest bet is to do what you're told."

However, "I would never tell somebody they shouldn't do that," he said, referring to the man taking the situation into his own hands. "In retrospect on this one, I think it was an excellent idea."

responsibility of government agencies. "Because the El Cerrito Redevelopment program is finally beginning to tackle some large, expensive, complex and thus controversial challenges, a few voices have been saying redevelopment is the source of the city's ongoing service and revenue gap. This is not the case," he said.

Pokorny said redevelopment has improved the appearance of San Pablo, produced nearly 1,000 permanent jobs, 169 units of affordable housing and 363 units of new market rate residential units, housing mostly seniors.

Turning to the federal government isn't an option when the city can't balance its own budget, he said, adding, "we need to deal with this locally." Pokorny stressed the importance of a community consensus, noting the need for 2/3 voter approval for new assessments and taxes.

"We must all begin again a careful effort to understand details, community needs, and the forces contributing to the service/revenue gap and then decide as a community how we are going to close that gap before we run aground," Pokorny said.

Although a public hearing will be scheduled, citizen input was not a part of Monday's discussion. A copy of the 1997-98 budget can be reviewed at the El Cerrito Public Library or purchased from the City Clerk.

city's zoning system, and is reducing its insurance costs by pooling resources with other Bay Area Cities.

- To play a significant role in regional government while maintaining local control.

- To enhance and maintain transportation options for city residents. Projects include the proposed Bicycle Master Plan, stepped up traffic enforcement, monitoring the city's paratransit program and providing van service for seniors.

- To expand opportunities for citizens of all ages. The City Council passed, and hopes to implement, Albany's Youth Master Plan. The police department runs the anti-drug DARE program at Albany Middle School, and is looking to start a Police Athletic League this summer.

The goals, Fields said at last month's meeting, represent a large part of the work the city does on a day to day basis, or, more specifically, the "above and beyond," such as purchasing open space on the hill. At present, city staff has a rather full plate, Fields said, although the new council will have a chance to leave their mark at a work session next year.

Albany's leaders seemed for the most part happy with their goals. "I'm truly impressed at the progress being made," said Councilmember Peggy Thomsen.

Councilmember Jon Ely urged the city to find "creative" ways to reach out to the public, while Councilmember Bruce Mast plugged the Bicycle Master Plan, saying he hopes elements of the plan will be implemented during the next fiscal year. The council reaffirmed its goals by a 5-0 vote.

Tackling the more detail-laden matter of the city's budget and Capital Improvement Program, the council also met both Saturday and Monday, and will most likely pass a final budget on June 2. Although predicted deficits have, in the past, been both a cause for concern and a bone of contention, as presently predicted, the city's budget of around \$14 million will be balanced through July, 1999.

Different forecast

Just over three years ago, the office of previous City Administrator John Nachbar cast dire predictions for Albany's future, with General Fund deficits running from \$750,000 last year (when the city ended up only \$17,000 in the red) to just under \$1 million in fiscal year 1997/98. The General Fund consists of just over half of the city's operating budget, and represents unrestricted monies to fund the city's departments.

Nachbar's predicted deficits (which, to a large degree, were the impetus for city voters passage Measure F, which allows a cardroom at the Golden Gate Fields racetrack), stemmed in part from declining property tax and sales tax revenue in the early 1990s. According to current man in charge Fields, though, various tax increases, one-time insurance savings and a flattening of the sales tax decline led to the current budget, which predicts a smooth ride over the next few years.

Last year's five year forecast, though certainly more

Restrict

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document to go with Measure K," he said. The implementation document.

The zoning amendments state that

of 40 percent or greater be excluded from development, and that land with a slope of 40 percent contain development allowed under Measure K.

It excludes land containing native

topographical features such as ravines, development, and states such land will be considered when figuring the density of parcels

The ordinance has the greatest effect on the largest parcels on the hill, the 11-acre "Development" parcel next to the complexes on Pierce Street and the parcel between Jackson and Taft streets. The Golden Gate property would be calculated by slope alone, while almost 75 percent of the Landvest parcel would be unbuildable.

Berkeley developer Tom Burke, who had a portion of the Landvest property, was reading but did not speak.

The Golden Gate property is reported to be "nine families" from Hong Kong, none present.

While audience response to the ordinance questions from council members were started off the first reading by asking for a two-acre cutoff on the slope requirement, Manager Gary Patton said the cutoff also some flexibility in allowing the owners parcels to build.

Mast also asked why the ordinance would be interpreted. Patton said the ordinance would be interpreted. Patton said the ordinance would be interpreted. Patton said the ordinance would be interpreted.

Councilmember Jon Ely also spoke. He said the city was using in setting the ordinance, to which Patton responded that emanate from the city's General Plan. Ely to the two-acre cutoff, saying, "My concern we're applying two different standards owners. It seems to me it's an issue of

City Attorney Robert Zweben called the "valid issue" that the city would examine the council decided to strike the two-acre Administrator Daren Fields suggested, inserted to "clearly spell out" the right owners to build at least one home.

At the second reading on Monday, Mast to have some difficulty with the amendment property owners could still sell off land which would thus be allowed one home.

Aside from Carole Fitzgerald of El Albany Hill, who asked at the first reading of open space would occur (that determined as part of the application process response to the amendments was

comforting than the one issued in 1994, surplus of \$34,000 during the current fiscal year. The forecast has small deficits of \$134,000 and \$211,000 through this year, however, the forecast has small surpluses of \$69,000 this year, \$64,000 in just under \$70,000 in fiscal year 1998/99.

"This is a very tight budget. It's a very budget," Fields told the council at the week Saturday. Sacrificing a brilliantly sunny day, council members and department heads together to slice and dice the city's budget. Council members once again seemed to what they were beholden.

Pouring through the more than 100-page council members asked for the most pressing questions as they tried to fully comprehend the figures sitting before them. What day session was a low-key affair, with heads outnumbering the two members who showed up, Monday's meeting was more push and pull when the city's two departments, police and fire, fell under the tiny.

In particular, council members were \$274,104 in overtime logged by the police last fiscal year. Leading the charge was longest-serving council member, Elizabeth pointed to the expenses as perpetual City Chief Murdo to reduce them.

"Each year it's going to get better, but that hasn't happened," Baker said. Mast called for less overtime, pointing out that have doubled over the last five years.

Murdo, however, said he has a plan. There is a methodology the city can pursue, adding that, at present, the department's investigative officers doing the work of

Although some parts of the plan worked out, Murdo did say one aspect of promoting his two lieutenants to the rank thus making the positions salaries and overtime. "We will absolutely see a

Baker also posed a few questions to what the effect on his department was sponsored Measure D, which reauthorized Emergency Medical Services tax, does Measure D asks voters to reaffirm a \$30.81 per help fund Albany's 24-hour, 7-day a services.

"As far as the impact, if it's a department it would be catastrophic. Measure D requires two-thirds approval.

While all may be well at present, it contains a memo from Finance and Administrative Services Director Pat Cabrera, who is increasing the city's cash reserves both for Fund and for vacation and sick leave. meeting will be continued on June 2 at

Albany's powerhouse volleyballers moving on to the next level

Mac Montandon

The six seniors from the Albany girls volleyball team, most of whom have played together since the seventh grade, will go separate ways this fall. The players have all chosen colleges that will land them in different parts of the country.

Lindsay Kagawa, Megan Meyer, Sara Ness, Libby Sanger, Karen Sillers and Lindsay Watty will build Albany into a state power in four years.

The Cougars have won three straight Alameda-Contra Costa Athletic League titles, coming a little shy of the state championship process, and have been

virtually unbeatable over the past two seasons, going a combined 62-11.

Now, college beckons, and while volleyball plays a varying role in each of the girls' decisions, they all agree it's time to move on.

"Carlton's a really good liberal arts school," said Meyer about the Minnesota school she'll attend. "I'll play there, but I'm not going there for volleyball. We've had a great time over the years, but it's time to do something else."

Kagawa was the first senior to announce her fall plans, signing a letter of intent to attend Stanford during the spring early signing period. More recently, Ness determined she will go to UC Irvine on a full volleyball scholarship. Sanger

will attend Occidental. Karen Sillers is going to Tufts and Lindsay Watty is headed to Rhode Island, also on a full scholarship.

"It felt like the right decision," said Watty. "Their coach saw me play in a tournament in Las Vegas, and offered me the scholarship. It was nice to think about living in a different part of the country."

"I love a challenge and this seems like a challenge," Watty continued. "Originally I didn't apply there (UC Irvine), but this all came about because of playing volleyball."

But after spending so much time with the same players, won't it be hard to say goodbye?

"We're all mature enough to move on," said Watty. "We're all



Albany's senior volleyball players will be leaving for college. From left to right: Sara Ness (UC Irvine), Lindsay Kagawa (Stanford), Libby Sanger (Occidental), Karen Sillers (Tufts), Megan Meyer (Carlton), and Lindsay Watty (Rhode Island).

ready to move on. I'm excited about going somewhere new. I think I've been ready for a while."

The seniors' soon-to-be-alma

mater probably doesn't feel the same way. Albany's campus came alive every fall for the last four years; the small gymnasium filled even on cold,

November nights. The volleyball team exposed the community to a style of play which combined incredible athleticism and a buoyant spirit.

Berkeley's boys volleyball team slams Antioch

Yellowjackets at Northgate tonight in North Coast Section semifinal match

Mac Montandon

Berkeley boys volleyball made a comeback to ring the Foreman's.

After appearing down-for-the-hill last season, the Yellowjackets improved to 16-4, good for a first round berth in the North Coast Section Championships Tuesday night at Antioch (22-5) of the Valley Athletic League.

Berkeley's remarkable season ended past Tuesday after

it upset Antioch, 16-14, 11-15, 16-14, 15-3. The Jackets moved into a second round match scheduled to be played Thursday at No. 2 seeded Northgate (18-6), also of the BVAL. Northgate defeated Las Lomas (10-17) Tuesday, 15-8, 15-9, 15-6, to set up the semifinal showdown with Berkeley.

First-year coach Pat Hearne makes it sound easy when he describes what Berkeley did to improve in the very competitive East Bay Athletic League.

"The main thing is I let the team

have fun," said Hearne. "I don't think they got along very well with the (former) coach last year, so the effort was real minimal. I tried to teach them how to be a winner. I come from a long line of winning teams. From the beginning I've said we were going to win it all; at first the team sort of looked at me like I was crazy."

There's no talk of committing Hearne now, only of the Jackets' commitment to improving. The club has had to overcome significantly taller teams all year, hav-

ing only two players over 6-foot. However, one of those is Marshall Roberts, whose coach considers the 6-3 player "probably the best outside hitter in the Bay Area."

With a relatively small lineup, the Jackets have had to find other ways to wear opponents down. They've turned to defense, and to cleverly-cloaked plays.

"We do isolation blocking, where we would match up our strongest blocker to their strongest hitter," said Hearne, who determines, while watching

warmups, which opposing hitter to focus on.

"Basically we tried to play harder on defense to compensate for our lack of size."

The Berkeley blocker, who often was called on to play opposite the other team's strength, was the other over 6-footer Nicholas Warren-Mordec, a 6-3 middle blocker.

Berkeley's run to the North Coast semifinals was further helped by the versatile play of Seiji Carpenter, who started the season as an undersized, middle

blocker at 5-10. Though out of position, Carpenter filled the hole in the middle admirably most of the season until being moved recently to his familiar post at outside hitter.

Against Antioch, Hearne anticipated his club doing what it did so well all year.

"We're always trying to manipulate our opponent's weaknesses," Hearne said. "While bringing out our strengths, and, at the same time, hiding our weaknesses."

If the Jackets can continue to hide their weaknesses as effectively as Foreman has shown he can hide a burger, they should have the recipe for success for some time.

SM dominates the track again

Bigbee, Roberson fare well

ACCAL for El Cerrito

John Gardella

At St. Mary's High may revise one of their records: "As it was in the past, the track and field team shall it be. Alameda-Contra Costa Athletic League domination end. Amen."

Finishing the regular season with a perfect mark in league play, the Panthers dominated the league championships at Alhambra High in May. With the top six finishers advancing to the North Coast Section, SM will be well represented.

Boys finished with at least three finish in every event. The 200- and 400- meter races the Panthers had the top four.

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1/2 obliterated the field. The second-best jump (40-6-1/2) belonged to El Cerrito's Chris Ingram.

Mike Arp dominated the long-distance running, winning both the 800 (1:59.69) and 1600 (4:36.87). Matt Norris was also a multiple winner, taking first place in the shot put (47-3-3/4) and discus (134.0).

As expected, both relay teams won easily. SM completed the 400 relay (43.05) 1.45 seconds ahead of second-place De Anza. In the 1600, the Panthers coasted to victory in 3:38.5, 11.2 seconds in front of Alameda. Other SM winners included: Richard Nero in the 110 high hurdles (14.86) and Paki Gordon in the 100 (11.04). The Panthers failed to finish first in just two events. In an upset, Nero finished second in the 300 hurdles to Encinal's David Guillory. In the 3200, Justin Hite finished second to Piedmont's Carl Moren. The Panthers did have four of the top five finishes in the event.

Although not as dominant as its rival, the El Cerrito boys team fared well. Mike Bigbee placed second in the shot and fourth in the discus. Roberson took second in the triple



Jeff Lindquist
St. Mary's Paki Gordon, top right, screams with joy as he beats out DeAnza's Herwell Lang in last week's 100 meter final at the ACCAL championships in Martinez; below, Mike Arp, left, outlasts Piedmont's Koji Watanabe and Alameda's Andrew Walker in the 800 finals.

jump and third in the long jump. EC's relay teams placed third in both the 400 and 1600.

In girls competition, sophomore Spring Harris continued to dominate the high jump. Harris' mark of 5-4 was six inches better than the second-place finishers. Rosie Aikens won the shot and discus. Jackie Bryant finished second in the 800.



Run, extra innings disastrous for EC

John Gardella

El Cerrito High's baseball season ended any other way, compiling a 1-9 record in one game, the Gauchos' season ended in the first round of the Alameda-Contra Costa Athletic League playoffs with an 8-7 extra-innings loss to Salesian.

El Cerrito finished with an 0-5 mark in the playoffs, losing all five games. "You lose that many extra-inning games it makes it tough," said Abel.

The Gauchos lost with their best pitcher, Donny Davis, going the entire game, despite struggling.

"Donny was not as sharp as I would have liked him to be," said Abel.

Davis, who was scintillating during



Panthers' baseball to North Coast?

By John Gardella

For Andy Shimabukuro, St. Mary's High's first-year baseball coach, it's very simple: A win in Wednesday's (yesterday) second-round playoff game moves the Panthers that much closer to a showdown with top-ranked Encinal, while a loss ruins a fine Alameda-Contra Costa Athletic League season in which SM finished second at 9-2.

"I thought we had a good season," Shimabukuro said Tuesday.

"Even with a loss I think we'd still get an at-large berth in the North Coast Section playoffs. But losing in the second round would be very disappointing."

The Panthers faced the winner of the De Anza-Alameda game. The Panthers beat the Dons, 10-0, in their lone meeting this season. They sneaked by Alameda, 7-6.

Shimabukuro said pitching would be the key in the playoffs, and with El Cerrito out of the picture after a loss to Salesian, the

Panthers may have the best duo in the league with Dave Sophus and Derrick Phillips.

Phillips (5-2) was scheduled to start Wednesday's game. If the regular season is any indication, hitting shouldn't be a problem in the postseason. Two hitters, Ben Gerbacio and Justin Blakney, each batted over .500.

"Anything can happen in the postseason," Shimabukuro said. "You get by that first game and you never know."

ACCAL Baseball Playoffs First Round
Salesian
8
El Cerrito
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Jackets boys tennis team earned respect this year

By Mac Montandon

The Berkeley boys tennis team concluded an excellent season with several fine performances at the East Bay Athletic League Championships last week in Livermore.

In the tournament, which brings together the best singles and doubles players from the league season, Berkeley showed how it went 13-4 on the year, including two victories over Monte Vista, a team it hadn't beaten in 15 years. The Yellowjackets were also the only team to defeat league champion San Ramon Valley, beating the Wolves on the road and at home.

Last week in singles play, Alex Kopel played what his coach John Armstrong called "probably the most fun singles match to watch," when he beat previously undefeated No. 2-seed Jon Toy of Monte Vista, 6-0, 6-3, in the second round. Kopel

then faced No. 1-seed Eric Johnson, also of Monte Vista, but couldn't pull off a second upset, falling in straight sets, 6-2, 6-4.

Robby Borton and Philipp Miller also played well in their final matches. Borton won a close first round match before losing in the second. Miller lost

'Berkeley earned its respect this year. It was hard-fought. But we did it.'

— JOHN ARMSTRONG, BERKELEY COACH

his initial contest, but won twice in the consolation round before being knocked out of the tournament.

The Jackets' doubles teams, which were greatly improved this

season after not winning a match last spring, also did well at the EBAL finals.

Peter Kaes and Stefan Shakiba, the No.1 and No.3 singles players during the season, defeated the No. 1 doubles team, brothers Brandon and Justin Jones of California, in the semifinals, 7-6, 7-5.

In what became a highly charged, emotional rivalry this year between the two schools, Berkeley had the final say as Kaes and Shakiba fought back from a 6-3 deficit in the first set tie-breaker to claim the set. Kaes and Shakiba, however, lost in the doubles final in a tough three-set match against a team from San Ramon Valley.

Matt Togami and Avery Moore ended their seasons in grand style. After losing in the first round of doubles competition to the Jones brothers, Togami and Moore won the consolation tournament to finish



Berkeley's No. 1 doubles team of Peter Kaes, left, and Stefan Shakiba, lost in the EBAL Championships last week in a tough three-set match to a duo from San Ramon Valley High.

third overall.

"It was a long, hot day," Armstrong said about the final afternoon of the year. "But it was well worth it. It was a good way to cap off the year."

The Jackets proved to be one

of the stronger EBAL teams over the past two months. Of their four losses, three were by a 5-4 count. They had depth throughout the roster, and figure to be just as tough next spring since they lose only Shakiba and Steve

Bui to graduation. "The league was more competitive," said, surveying his team in the talented EBAL. "It earned its respect. It was hard-fought, but

Albany's baseball season ends: Just wait 'til next year

By Mac Montandon

When one considers youth in a general sense, images of pranks and puckishness invariably come to mind. A mental reel of "Little Rascal" highlights might play against the screen of memory.

So, the Albany baseball team's just-completed season runs counter to these youthful musings for an unexpected reason: it was very predictable.

Their lineup rippling with variously talented sophomores, the Cougars did little all year to surprise coach Bob Serpa, defeating the teams he thought they would, but were left holding the short end against the top clubs in the Alameda-Contra Costa Ath-

letic League. "The season turned out as I expected it to," said Serpa. "One always hopes kids will progress faster than they do, but it takes time."

In time, Serpa can expect his clubs not to commit the six errors they did last Friday, when they dropped their last game, 10-9, to St. Mary's in eight innings. Friday's game reminded Cougars fans what was right and wrong with a team that went 4-7 in league play this year.

Certainly, Albany can score runs. Serpa was able to cram five hitters with averages over .300 into his order. Junior Billy Zeier led the way, hitting at a .438 pace. Sophomores Todd Eagle and Robbie Onweller hit

.351 and .389, respectively. Junior Kevin Christopher batted .314, and freshman John Ball was at .333. Ball's emergence as

'One always hopes kids will progress faster than they do, but it takes time.'

—COACH BOB SERPA

a solid varsity hitter proved to be one of the few things Serpa didn't see coming when the spring began.

"The kid (Ball) that everyone

thought would be a tremendous athlete proved why," Serpa said of his third baseman, whom he called up from the junior varsity three games into the season.

Albany might have broken free from the bottom half of the ACCAL and competed for a playoff spot if it had gotten more consistent play from its pitchers and defense.

Senior Russell Wirth was the Cougars' No. 1 starter, although he could be very effective one outing, then off his game the next. Wirth finished 3-4 with a 3.80 ERA. Next season's staff has the potential to be very strong. Zeier worked a few innings in several late-season games, throwing a fastball his

coach feels could be one of the hardest in the league to hit. In limited work on the hill, Zeier was 0-1 with a 1.75 ERA. Left-handed sophomore Ted Smith-Peterson figures to be the ace in 1998, after going 2-1 with a 2.50 ERA this year.

Serpa has reason to feel good about future Albany clubs. Besides having several gifted young players, the coach plans on using newly structured summer baseball classes at Laney College. He said he is sending many of his players to the program to receive additional instruction.

"As a coach, looking at the ball club, I could be described as very excited," Serpa said. "It was a fun year, they're a great group.

They really bouded played as hard as the

As his players com prove, working on through the summer spring, perhaps the notice their dedica-

Serpa laments a disinterest in Albany's admini of the coach's clam along the sidelines of bany sporting even tence is signifi than at other school

While it is the ro gative, of course, sports in its curri fortunate that the of many students unnoticed.

St. Mary's track stars must have had diamonds on the soles of their shoes



St. Mary's Jackie Bryant, left, finished second in the ACCAL championships in the 800 last week; while the Panther's Jafar Williams won the 200 in 22.03 and the 400 in 49.47.

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tion and possession of narcotics. He was cited and released to the custody of his parents with a notice to appear. The other subject was not detained further.

• At about 3:30 a.m. on May 14 officers found a 17-year-old San Pablo man passed out on the front lawn of a residence on the 900 block of Santa Fe Avenue. He was very intoxicated, cited and released to his mother with a notice to appear.

• On the evening of May 14 Albany juveniles tried to steal marijuana plants belonging to a transient living on the landfill. The transient became angry and fired shots at the teens. Police were unable to locate the transient and are investigating.

• Around 4 a.m. on May 14 a resident reported that between 11:30 p.m. on May 13 and 3:45 a.m. on May 14 thieves stole his GMC Suburban parked near Cleveland and Washington avenues.

• Around 11:30 a.m. on May 14 an El Cerrito woman reported her '81 Oldsmobile missing from the Sizzler parking lot.

• On the morning of May 15 a resident on the 900 of Masonic Avenue reported that someone stole tools from his basement. There were no witnesses.

• On the morning of May 15 the owner of a business on the 1000 block of Eastshore Highway reported that during the night thieves

cut his fence and stole two tires from a truck park in the yard.

• At about 3 a.m. on May 16 a man reported that while his car was parked on the 700 block of San Pablo Avenue thieves broke out a window and stole his backpack.

• Around 1:30 a.m. on May 16 a resident on the 900 block of Talbot Avenue reported that earlier in the day thieves stole her car parked in front of her home.

• At about 1:30 a.m. on May 17 officers stopped a '96 Dodge driving erratically near the intersection of Adams and Buchanan. They found an intoxicated 17-year-old Livermore boy. He was arrested, cited and released to his parents with a notice to appear.

• Around 1:15 a.m. on May 18 officers responded to a report of a window being smashed on the 1300 block of Solano Avenue. Witnesses observed a black male adult wearing a white T-shirt, walking west on Solano. The subject was gone when police arrived.

During the week of May 12 officers fingerprinted nine people at their request, towed one car, responded to 19 false alarms, intervened in 29 domestic situations, attended to seven lost or deceased animals, assisted six people locked out of their homes or car, and responded to four reports of barking dogs. Firefighter/paramedics responded to three fire calls and 17 medical emergencies.

El Cerrito

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• There were three reports of domestic violence.

• Between May 7 and May 8, two juveniles stole a car stereo from a Toyota Camry parked on the 1900 block of Hudson. Between May 7 and May 8, two juveniles forced their way into a 1973 Chevy Van parked on the 7000 block of Carol Court. On the 1750 block of Liberty Street, on May 7 at 5:30 p.m., the window to a Jeep Cherokee was smashed by two juveniles who were scared away by a witness.

• On San Pablo, on May 12, an Oakland man on a bicycle was stopped and found to be in possession of methamphetamine and syringes.

• An unknown suspect used a tool to cut a whole in the window of Prospect school on the 2000 block of Tapscott Avenue. The suspect entered the school and stole office equipment. The crime was reported on May 4.

• On May 6, electronic equipment was reported stolen from Sierra school on the 900 block of Avis Dr. The suspect used a screwdriver, or a similar object, to open the window.

• On May 9, someone removed a wallet from an unlocked apartment on the 400 block of Richmond Street.

• Between May 14 and 15, the rear passenger window of a Ford

Tempo was broken on the 5900 block of Hill Street. Nothing was taken.

• On May 9, someone attempted to break into a '90 Toyota Pickup on the 7000 block of Blake St. A Datsun Sentra stolen from the 500 block of Liberty Street was recovered on May 6.

• On May 7, an Oakland female attempting to shoplift items from Target was apprehended at 11:06 p.m.

• On May 6 at 7:30 p.m., on the 6500 block of Portola, four suspects took an El Cerrito juvenile's bike bag. The victim tried to get the bag back. One of the suspects punched the victim in the face.

• Between 8 a.m. and 6:46 p.m. on May 5, an unknown suspect entered the bedroom window of a house on the 6400 block of Portola Drive, taking a stereo and a VCR.

• A burglary was attempted on the 800 block of Lexington Ave between May 4 and 5. The suspect tried to force the window open but was unsuccessful.

• A paint ball gun was stolen from the 1600 block of Lexington between May 1 and May 3.

• On May 7 at 3:50 p.m., an El Cerrito male on the 6500 block of Manila was found to be in possession of less than 1 oz. of marijuana.

• On the 11600 block of San Pablo, on May 14 at 12:07, an Oak-

land male and another suspect entered a garage, disarmed a gun and a BART police officer, male. The other male...

• A bicycle was stolen in the courtyard of the 900 block of Lexington. The phone was found on May 6.

• Two people were driving under the influence between Lexington and on May 11 at 3:46 a.m. a rito man was stopped on the 11800 block on May 7 at 1:05 a.m.

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terial, purchase of first aid kits, purchase of an optical scanner and video camera at the high school, and a student created rain forest study project at one of the elementary schools. Additionally, the Ed. Fund coordinated an on-going musical enrichment program with the four elementary schools that used the grant funds.

The Pinole experience with redevelopment reflects some unique circumstances but also reflects what is possible when decision makers continually factor in the needs of

children and schools into all areas of policy and planning. For example, the redevelopment agency has hired the Pinole Valley High School journalism class to do a variety of public relations tasks for the agency including the production of a new brochure.

The Pinole meeting illuminated the fundamental role schools play in determining the quality of life in our communities.

New partnerships between the school district and all government bodies within its boundaries are cru-

cial to moving our schools forward. It will take fresh new ideas, an openness to new ideas, and business to keep the progress going and to move forward.

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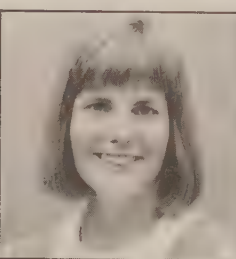
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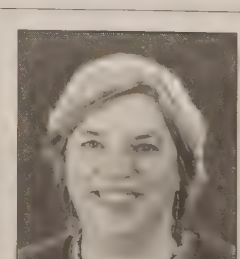
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Ginny Prior - Account Executive, Hills Newspapers

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In radio, I have been a newscaster at stations from Minneapolis to San Francisco. My longest stint, and perhaps most notable, was at KSFO from 1983 - 1994. During that time I won numerous journalism awards including the coveted "Best Newscast in the Nation" from United Press International.

I was also presented with a State Assembly resolution from John Burton for my "Outstanding Achievements and



Community Contributions." Newspapers have taken me from weeklies to eight years with the San Francisco Chronicle and I am proud to be part of the Hills Newspapers team.

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Public Notices

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Business is conducted by an individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on May 13, 1997.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on May 7, 1997.
The Journal May 22, 29, June 5, 12, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 97-2066
The Name of the Business:
1928 Center Ave., Martinez, CA 94553

is registered by the following owner:
E. Jachowski, 1928 Center Ave., Martinez, CA 94553

Business is conducted by an individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on May 13, 1997.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on April 29, 1997.
The Journal May 22, 29, June 5, 12, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 97-2025
The Name of the Business:
Maintenance, 4176 Sandra Circle, CA 94565

Business is conducted by an individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on May 13, 1997.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on April 28, 1997.
The Journal May 22, 29, June 5, 12, 1997.

TRUSTEE'S SALE: LOAN # 09-42700-6
UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED MAY 14, 1997, UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN

EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On Friday, the 13th day of June, 1997 at the hour of 10:30 o'clock A.M. of said day, at 2401 Willow Pass Road, Concord, California, County of Contra Costa, State of California, Northern Auxiliary Corporation, as trustee, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, and/or the cashier's certified, or other check specified in the Civil Code, Section 2924 (h) (d), all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of Contra Costa, State of California, and described as follows: to wit: AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED ON SAID DEED OF TRUST, A.P. No. 544-120-021 Property believed to be located at 208 South 12th Street, Richmond, Ca. Estimated Sale Price (includes unpaid balance of the loan plus interest and estimated costs at publication date): \$82,400.00 The Property described is being sold in an "as-is" condition. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by the pursuant to the power of sale conferred in a certain Deed of Trust executed by Ricardo Duarte and Norma Duarte, his wife, to Northern Auxiliary Corporation as trustee, for the benefit and security of California Savings & Loan, a Federal Association, dated March 09, 1992 and recorded March 24, 1992, in the Office of the County Recorder of the County of Contra Costa, State of California, in Liber 17340 of Official Records at Page 58. Date: May 12, 1997 Northern Auxiliary Corporation by Vera M. Long, President, 800 Market Street, San Francisco, California 94102 (415) 386-3600 D. Russell Symon, Attorney for Trustee, San Francisco, California C257080 522, 529, 65 1997 The Berkeley Voice May 22, 29, June 5, 1997

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

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T.S. NO. 0003636-10
APN: 065-2655-046 TRA: 22-000
LOAN NO: 934814-9
REF: DEAN DEVENER
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IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER:

YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED MAY 4, 1992, UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER.

On June 12, 1997, at 12:00 PM,

CAL-WESTERN RECONVEYANCE CORPORATION, a California corporation as duly appointed trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded May 27, 1992, as Inst. No. 92164727, book XX, page XX, of Official Records in the Office of the County Recorder of ALAMEDA County, State of CALIFORNIA, executed by

DEAN DEVENER, AN UNMARRIED MAN

WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK DRAWN ON A STATE OR NATIONAL BANK, A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, OR A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION, SAVINGS ASSOCIATION, OR SAVINGS BANK SPECIFIED IN SECTION 5102 OF THE FINANCIAL CODE AND AUTHORIZED TO DO BUSINESS IN THIS STATE WILL BE HELD AT THE STEPS TO THE ENTRANCE OF THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 1225 FALLON STREET, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA T.S. NO. 0003636-10 all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as:

COMPLETELY DESCRIBED IN SAID DEED OF TRUST

The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be:
1037 CORNELL AVENUE
ALBANY, CA 94706

The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any inaccuracy of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein

Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, condition, or encumbrances, including fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to pay the remaining principal sums of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust to wit: \$149,196.27 with interest thereon from 03/01/1996 @ 7.825% per annum as provided in said note(s) plus cost and any advances with interest. ESTIMATED TOTAL DEBT \$186,346.08. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located.

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CAL-WESTERN RECONVEYANCE CORPORATION

Signature/By Thelma B. Alcantara
Authorized Signature

Dated: May 19, 1997



Mother of Perpetual Help

District Deputy, Ms. Pat Di Piazza of Laurentian Institute Oakland, was honored on the occasion of her official visit to Mother of Perpetual Help, Y.L.I., El Cerrito on April 22. Visitors from various East Bay institutes were also welcomed. Left to right, Mrs. Ruth Vietti, President, Mrs. Pat Di Piazza, District Deputy and Mrs. Brenda McKinley, Chairman of the evening.

TRUSTEE'S SALE OFFICER:
THELMA B. ALCANTARA Ext. 3086
The Journal May 22, 29, June 5, 1997

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 97-3045
The Name of the Business:
Beautiful Hair, 203 Pomona Ave., El Cerrito, CA 94530

is registered by the following owner:
Nancy Alice Oyer- Dodson, 203 Pomona, El Cerrito, CA 94530
This business is conducted by an individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on May 15, 1997.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on May 15, 1997.
The Journal May 22, 29, June 5, 12, 1997

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 97-2956

The Name of the Business:
All Commodities Beverage & Bottling Company, 25 Crestview Court, Orinda, CA 94563 Mailing Address: P.O. Box 278, Orinda, CA 94563
is registered by the following owner:
Robert Henderson, 25 Crestview Court, Orinda, CA 94563
This business is conducted by an individual. The registrant commenced to transact business

under the fictitious business name listed above on May 13, 1997.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on May 13, 1997.
The Journal May 22, 29, June 5, 12, 1997

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 97-2606

The Name of the Business:
Ultra Velvet, 838 Santa Maria Way, Lafayette, CA 94549

is registered by the following owners:
Bryan Harms, 1901 Newell #B, Walnut Creek, CA 94596
Garrett Brown, 1411 Grand St #1, Alameda, CA 94501

David Muench, 836 Santa Maria Way, Lafayette, CA 94549

This business is conducted by a General Partnership.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on April 25, 1997.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on April 25, 1997.
The Journal May 22, 29, June 5, 12, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 97-2755

The Name of the Business:
Apronstrings, 205 O'Neil Circle, Hercules, CA 94547.

is registered by the following owners:
Mindy Fawn Niuaiuku, 205 O'Neil Circle, Hercules, CA 94547
George B. Niuaiuku, 205 O'Neil Circle, Hercules, CA 94547
This business is conducted by individuals - Husband and Wife

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on May 2, 1997.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on May 2, 1997.
The Journal May 22, 29, June 5, 12, 1997

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 97-2547

The Name of the Business:
Union Jobs Clearinghouse, 819 San Simeon Drive, Concord, CA 94518-2221
is registered by the following owner:
Gary Cortes, 819 San Simeon Drive, Concord, CA 94518-2221

This business is conducted by an individual. Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on April 23, 1997.
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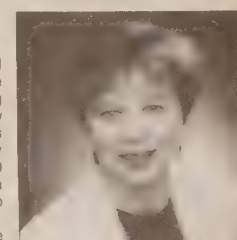
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L. Jeffries, J.D., L.I.M. (tax) - Tax & Family Business Attorney

For 25 years, Susan has grown her firm to become the largest small law firm in Alameda and the largest woman-owned firm in the East Bay. She has been named "Best Attorney" by the Alameda Times-Star for the past four years in a row.

Clients like the way they are treated with dignity and respect in a comfortable office environment. Her husband and well-trained staff has helped hundreds of clients with the most personal of legal problems in business, tax and estate planning. Her client benefits from Susan's masters degree in law and over 16 years of business and tax experience. Whether they come for a single consultation or ongoing advice, every client leaves with some new ideas to take to the next step toward solving their problem.

Business owners often consult Susan because her personal involvement as a member of numerous professional boards and organizations helps them solve business problems.

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Janis Sadler of Norge Cleaners, Albany, has earned the title "Certified Professional Drycleaner" (CPD) as a result of meeting established qualifications for the title and successfully passing a standard examination pertaining to the understanding of drycleaning operating procedures, standards, and safe equipment operations. By achieving this designation, Janis is entitled to use the professional designation CPD through April 2002.

Janis was among the candidates nationwide who took a three-hour written examination administered by a professional testing corporation under contract with the International Fabricare Institute.

"Drycleaners who earn a CPD reflect a movement throughout the industry to improve the profession in which we work," states Jack



Alquist, co-chair of the Certification Council. Janis adds this title to the one she earned in 1994 "Certified Environmental Drycleaner" and renewed in January of this year.

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As a Certified Fund Specialist (CFS), Judy Miller is a mutual fund investing strategist. After her MEd degree, has completed additional study at College for Financial Planning, a Registered Representative with, and securities through, Royal Alliance Securities, Inc. Member NASD/SIPC. She is



active in the International Association for Financial Planning.

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Bonnie Keane - Ann's Cleaners

Bonnie Keane, owner and operator of Ann's Cleaners, takes great pride in the service she provides to her very loyal clientele. Continuing a family tradition begun 20 years ago by her father, Bonnie took the helm in 1986. The business is located in the Park Street Landing, conveniently located just over the Park Street Bridge in Alameda.

The high quality of service and care you will find at Ann's Cleaners is the direct result of Bonnie's high standards. She is a "hands on" manager who is on-site every day and personally involved with every detail of her business. This dedication and concern is reflected in the care your clothes receive.

Ann's Cleaners specializes in the gentle treatment necessary for finer garments such as silks, wedding gowns and heirlooms. Parking is both free and plentiful and the hours are convenient. Why not give your



clothes the kind of care and attention they deserve?

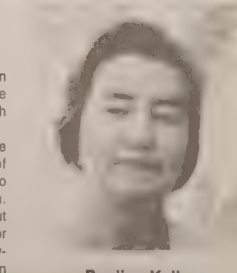
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Pauline Kelley - Pauline's Antiques

Pauline's Antiques has been an Alameda tradition for over 35 years. The woman behind the name is co-owner (with husband, Bob) Pauline Kelley.

Anyone who has ventured into the world of yesteryear bursting out of Pauline's Antiques doors has entered into Pauline Kelley's pride and passion. Pauline operated her store at Chestnut Street and Encinal Avenue in Alameda for 17 years, moving then to Santa Clara Avenue and now on to a larger location on Alameda's historic Park Street. Pauline's Antiques at 1427 Park Street offers over 8,000 square feet of floor space.

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Pauline Kelley
523-3561

tell you where to find it! Come and browse through the thousands and thousands of antiques and collectibles at Pauline's Antiques.



The fireplace accents the Wilsons' historic renovation.

Historic renovation: a personal point of view

When my wife and I first saw the house we would eventually buy, our enthusiasm for the location, the lot, and sound structural condition of the residence overcame any concerns we had over the aesthetic challenges the house presented.

But as I'd seen with many of my own clients over the years, a bad case of "buyers remorse" hit us shortly after our offer was accepted. We went over to take a careful look at the interior one evening, and began noticing a long list of things we decided we couldn't live with.

To begin with, the walls in most of the rooms were painted an unappealing hue that we dubbed "guacamole green." On those walls that weren't painted, there was an odd assortment of busy wallpaper patterns, ranging from a pink and purple flower motif in the back bedroom to what we called a "Motel-6" pattern of red, gold, and orange vertical stripes along one wall of the living room. Worse still, the floors in the front rooms were all covered with a thick shag carpet of alternating yellow and brown strands!

But the biggest problem was with the interior remodeling that the pre-

vious owners had done in the early 1960s. In an effort to "modernize" both the decor and the floorplan of the house, they had removed almost all of the historic features.

The home had been built in 1923 by a Swedish immigrant to Berke-

Chicago Title Company present's Mark Wilson's "Historic House Interiors," 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Wednesday, June 11 at the Berkeley Association of Realtors. Call 273-9383.

ley, who had acted as his own contractor. Since we were buying the house from the sons of the original owner, we were fortunate enough to see a couple of old family photos of the interior as it had appeared in the 1920s.

From these old photos, we were able to determine that the interior of

OWNING A PIECE OF HISTORY

MARK A. WILSON

the home had originally been designed as a late version of a Craftsman style bungalow. There had been crown molding above all the doors and windows, a formal entry hall, built-in bookcases on either side of the fireplace, a wide oak mantel above the fireplace, and a partial wall with pilasters lining the edges that had separated the living room from the formal dining room.

The front three rooms of the house had been radically changed. Besides removing all the moldings and the mantel and bookshelves around the fireplace, the owners had knocked out the walls separating the entry hall from the living room and the living room from the dining room. This had created one large, L-shaped room in the front half of the house, giving it a "barn-like" effect totally devoid of any historic charm.

The good news however, was

that not all the historic features had been destroyed. Although in the front three rooms the Craftsman style glass doors had been removed, the doors all retained their original Roman opening of rustic wood. There were massive beams in the dining room. Best of all, the wood oak floor remained around the edges beneath the awful carpet. Like many historic homes that had been closed over the years, we decided that as we restored the house to its historic character as a bungalow, we would also restore the historic charm. And like many other owners who set out on such a journey, we were

See WILSON

To reach the Real Estate Editor call 339-4047.



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Agent of the Week - Arlene Leonoff

Arlene and her husband, George, an architect/contractor, have lived in Berkeley 40 years, and she has been in real estate for 25 years. A UC graduate in communication and public policy, Arlene loves to help buyers fulfill their dreams and she addresses every aspect of transactions to make sure the experience is mutually satisfying for all parties. After raising two daughters, Arlene enjoys knitting, reading, cooking and restaurants.

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Clem Donahue, Arlene Leonoff,
Aiden & Nina Birnbaum

Satisfied Buyers of the Week - Drs. Clem Donahue & Nina Birnbaum

After the birth of their first child, (Aiden) Drs. Clem Donahue and Nina Birnbaum they needed to buy their first home. "We had always enjoyed craftsman style homes, history, beauty, and elegance. When we told Arlene Leonoff of Red Oak Realty, she was quite confident that we would find it." "Shortly thereafter, we got a call from Arlene, whatever you're doing and come see this home." It was a beautiful 1912 brown stone home with unpainted paneled walls, original light fixtures, oak floors, clinker brick, heavily mantled fireplaces and built-in cabinets with leaded glass windows. The house was perfect, charming in appearance and practical in location, walking distance from shopping areas and the library. Arlene had understood exactly the house we dreamed of for us! "Arlene gracefully guided us through mortgage brokerage, inspections, bids, contracts, offers and adjustments and although our heads were spinning, we were ours in 45 days!"

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discovered that we could not completely restore the house to its original appearance. So because of age limitations, as well as various "life-style" considerations, we ended up doing what I call "sympathetic renovation" to the house rather than an absolutely accurate restoration.

The first thing we did was to take out the old carpets and a messy, uneven floor that inevitably leads to scraped knees, broken fingernails and blisters. Then we invited a crew of our good friends over on a "wallpaper parties", where they helped us remove the wallpaper from various rooms in exchange for beer and pizza afterwards. By the time we got to the task of painting the two bedrooms, we stopped coming around to help and decided to switch our attention to the renovation of the front porch which we would hire a professional painter to finish paint in the interior.

After interviewing several contractors, we picked someone who was able to understand both our aesthetics and our budget limitations. Of course, we made sure that the contractor had a good track record

of renovating and restoring historic homes, by checking with several of his references in the area.

The first step we completed with him was choosing a style of crown moldings to go above all the doors and windows. We eventually settled on a fairly simple Colonial-Revival type of pattern, with a curved lip all the way around it. We chose this style partly because it was readily available at our local Truitt-and-White lumber yard at a reasonable price, and partly because it was something that was occasionally still used in the 1920s.

Next, my wife concentrated on the job of designing a new mantel for the fireplace more in keeping with the historical period of the house than the thin, painted plywood mantel that was there when we bought it. After days of looking at various "Early American" and Arts-and-Crafts style patterns in books and magazines, we finally chose an intricate Colonial-Revival style mantel that somewhat resembled the pattern on our crown moldings, but had three curved lips along the upper part. This had to be custom made of stained oak and cost about \$750, but the finished look enhanced the beauty of the stone arched fireplace below.

The final and most important task we had our contractor complete was to build new walls between the living

room and the entryhall, and between the living room and the dining room. After he finished this job, we went to several furniture stores to find exactly the right kind of bookshelves to attach to the new wall dividing the living room from the entryhall.

We chose a set of six-foot tall unfinished pine bookcases from Fenton's in Berkeley. To save money, we did not replace the smaller bookcases around the fireplace, because they would have to have been custom made. Once the new bookcases were delivered, we installed and painted them ourselves.

Just before we moved in, we hired a crew of painters to finish painting the interior, and then hired Boston Hardwoods Company of Oakland to refinish all the oak floors. When we were finally done with our renovation, the total cost had come to about \$14,000. On the day we moved into our "new" historic home, we looked around and felt the same satisfaction that so many other people who have gone through the same experience have: we had recreated the aesthetic character of our own little "piece of history."

In the next article we will explore the unique challenges of facing owners of a historic home when they decide to build an addition in harmony with the architectural features of the original house.

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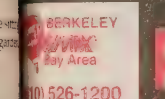


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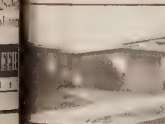


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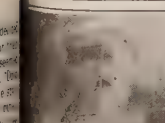


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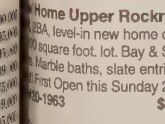
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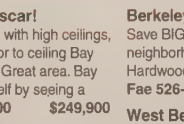
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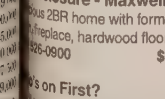


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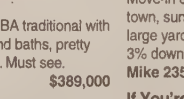


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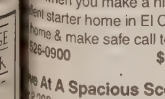


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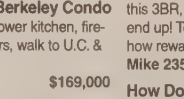


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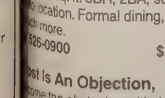


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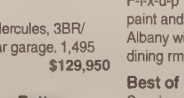


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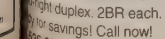


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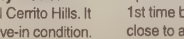


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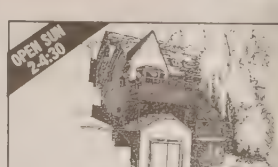
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Montclair Hills with Bay views. **HARRIET SCHOEN 339-8400**

Joys of home inspection

Oak Realty's count for failed escrows in 1996 was 15 percent—less than half the national average, but still a figure which represents countless hours, considerable expense and frustration for everyone involved.

Can anything be done to minimize failed escrows? Berry spent all but the last 10 minutes of the four-hour course discussing the number-one deal killer of all time: Lack of pre-sale inspections.

Benefits to sellers

The theory is that pre-sale inspections best serve the interests of

fect into consideration. If not, he has little leverage for renegotiating.

Helps fair pricing. Prior knowledge of defects helps the seller to determine a realistic asking price in the first place. If the asking price reflects the true condition of the property, buyers are more likely to complete the sale as originally contracted.

Less litigation. Problems disclosed up front defuse future litigation. If litigation should occur, the seller has a better defense.

Higher sales price. Yes, you read that right. Prior knowledge of defects leads to a higher, not lower

nore it—offer the house "as is" with the defect intact; 2) repair it, either with his own hands or with a contractor of his choice or 3) downgrade—he can, for example, remove that rickety old deck altogether rather than repair it.

Screens disqualified buyers. If a buyer is the sort who doesn't want a home near an underground creek, better to disclose the creek up front and let him pass.

Obviously, pre-inspections do not circumvent the need for the buyer to conduct his own investigation. The buyer should still hire his own professionals and come to his own conclusions. The existence of a pre-sale inspection, however, should at least touch on most areas of concern which will be discovered anyway during the buyer's inspections. The more advance knowledge the buyer has, the less likely that buyer will turn and run somewhere down the road.

Pest reports common

Until fairly recently in our area, no pre-sale reports of any kind were expected by buyers. Now it is common practice for a seller to obtain a pre-sale structural pest control inspection report ("termite report"). These reports are provided by the seller, even when the seller has no intention of paying for any corrective work. And because they are often the only pre-sale reports available, buyers have come to rely upon them as a key to the general condition of the property.

This is a mistake. Structural pest control inspections are very limited in scope. Their narrow purpose is to identify wood destroying organisms, including termites, beetles, and dry rot. Why not provide information about other areas of the home as well?

See BLUMBERG on page 30

Rates inch down; market holds breath

On May 15 the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation's (Freddie Mac) Primary Mortgage Market Survey showed that the nationwide average for the 30-year fixed rate mortgage for the week fell 3 basis points to 7.91 percent from last week's average of 7.94 percent.

This marks the fourth consecutive week that this bellwether rate has fallen and is the lowest this rate has been since March 14, when it averaged 7.84 percent. In the second week of May, 1996 the 30-year fixed rate mortgage stood at 8.08 percent.

The average start rate for the one-year Treasury-indexed adjustable-rate mortgages (ARMs) fell 4 basis points from last week's average of 5.82 percent to 5.78 percent.

This marks the lowest this rate has stood since March 28 when it stood at 5.71 percent. A year ago, the national average for the one-year ARM start rate was 5.78 percent.

This week's average for 15-year fixed rate mortgages, a popular option in the refinancing market, is 7.44 percent, down 3 basis points from last week's average of 7.47 percent.

This marks the lowest this rate has been since March 14 when it averaged 7.34 percent. A year ago, the average 15-year interest rate was 7.75 percent.

"Interest rates inched down, though just slightly, this

week in part because of speculation about the direction of the economy," said Freddie Mac Chief Economist Robert Van Order.

"When the Federal Reserve meets next week, we may see more definitive movement in the markets, depending on what action the Fed takes."

Freddie Mac is a stockholder-owned corporation chartered by Congress in 1970 to create a continuous flow of funds to mortgage lenders.

The organization supplies lenders with the money to make mortgages and then packages these mortgages into marketable securities.

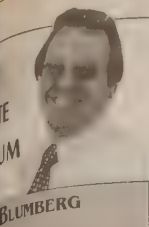
In this way Freddie Mac sustains a stable mortgage credit system and reduces the mortgage rates paid by home buyers.

Over the years, Freddie Mac has opened the doors for one in six home buyers in America.

More information about Freddie Mac can be found on the company's Web site, www.freddiemac.com

On April 30 the Federal Home Loan Bank Board pegged the 11th District Cost of Funds Index (COFI) for May payments at 4.78 percent, up 6 basis points from the 4.72 percent that was in effect for April payments.

The COFI is the index widely used by the savings and loan industry for its adjustable rate mortgages.



are ready to sell your home? You did everything by the book. Painted, cleaned, sorted, decluttered, pruned, and scaled. You cleared the surfaces, you washed the windows, you cleaned the house. You got a termite inspection. You interviewed three local realtors. You asked them all the right questions. You decided on a price. You are primed to go. You are ready to go. Right?

Maybe. This is for an idea: Invite a professional home inspector to your home. The sole purpose of his visit during the three days before the sale is to find every defect he can find. He will write it up and package it in a little binder, so you can show it to all your potential buyers. This is your privilege, you get to see it for \$400. Sound like a pretty good idea?

It is the smartest thing you can do. According to the University of California, a real estate educator and trainer, in a recent continuing education class for brokers entitled "Avoid the 10 Biggest Deal Killers," he asserted that national studies show that an astonishing 75 percent of three home purchases are delayed or lost before the close of escrow. Happy to report that Red

When a buyer knows about defects, he is more comfortable...and doesn't hold back for unexpected problems.

all parties, but particularly those of the seller. How is this possible? Here is why:

Fewer surprises: If a buyer knows most or all defects up front, the defects take on their proper perspective. If the buyer is the one who discovers the defect during inspections, that defect takes on ominous proportions and suggests a plethora of unseen horrors. He wonders, "What else has not been disclosed that I haven't discovered?"

Fewer renegotiations. If a buyer is not aware of a defect prior to making the offer, quite naturally the tendency is to renegotiate the price once the defect becomes known. With prior knowledge, he should have already taken the de-

fects into consideration. If not, he has little leverage for renegotiating.

Seller has more leverage: The seller's strongest point of leverage is at the time the buyer first presents an offer. This is particularly true in a hot seller's market. When there is renegotiation during the escrow, the buyer has more leverage. At that point the seller is already mentally set for a sale. He is more inclined to give concessions to avoid the risk of having the house come back on the market.

Seller controls options: If a seller has prior knowledge of a defect, the seller can choose to: 1) ig-

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| PRIME ROCKRIDGE LOCATION. Sophisticated, sunny home with dramatic touches, skylights. 3BD/2BA, charming yard, garage. Stan Hammond 839-5846 | \$629,000 |
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| NEW LISTING! Near Diamond Park. Quiet cul-de-sac. 2+BD/1BA with remodeled kitchen, large level lot. Frank Henneler 654-6461 | \$160,000 |
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| NEW LISTING! Adams Point. 1BD/1BA, new paint, new carpet, track lighting, tile kitchen, huge private 10x20 garden patio. Sharp unit. Frank Henneler 654-6461 | \$88,500 |
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Almost six years ago Anet and I
houses. She bought mine. I
hers.

Anet owned a good-sized house
Montclair, one that needed much
work. She didn't have the where-
to fix the house and it was
space than she needed, so she
decided to sell.

helped her clean out her clos-
ing the windows and hold a
sale. When the house was as

ready as it was going to be, it oc-
curred to me that maybe her house
would work for my family.

At the time we bought Anet's
house, my husband, children and I
were living in North Oakland in a
small Victorian that needed nothing
more. We had remodeled, re-
stored and added on.

We liked where we lived but
when our second child was born,
the little house got tight. We ex-
panded into the attic, which pro-
vided a sleeping and storage space,
but we all continued to eat, play and
live in one crowded living room.

Anet's house was an unappeal-
ing '50s rancher, nothing like our
Victorian. It was painted milk-
chocolate brown on the outside, the
paint was peeling, there was nothing
worth restoring.

We found every light fixture,

aluminum sliding window, piece of
door hardware and baseboard ugly.

The house would give us the
room we needed, and we would be
in a good neighborhood close to the
grammar school but we were skepti-
cal. Could we fix that house, do
something to it that would make us
like it?

We'd have to give up our be-
loved garden. The house in
Montclair opens through sets of
French doors to a patio; at the end of
the patio was a thick wall of trees
and ivy.

I remember standing outside the
house, looking at the solid line of
acacias and bays and saying to Anet,
"I wonder if I can live without a
garden?" She showed me that we
could stoop under the trees, pick
our way up a slope perhaps 80-feet
high, and imagine it being less full.

**People do not move blithely from one
house to another, especially when
they've been collecting in one spot
for a long time.**

That's probably what decided it.
I called the tree man. Even before
the house was mine, I had him cut
down many sun-starved misshapen
trees and, quite suddenly, there was
a marvelous garden space in full
sun.

I don't know when Anet
said, "Why don't you buy my house
and I'll buy yours?" But she must
have because we spent all that sum-
mer arranging loans, packing, then
finally moving.

It was a full summer. We learned
just how hard moving is. We tell
people this. Buying and moving are
consuming. Finding a house is only
a tiny bit of the whole.

There is the loan. And the pack-
ing, sorting and cleaning. Physi-
cally moving every rug, trench
coat, plastic jack-o-lantern; setting
up the stereo again, registering the
kids for school.

People do not move blithely from
one house to another, especially
when they've been collecting in one
spot for a long time. It can't be done
on Saturdays only. It takes week-
day and weekend time and concentra-
tion of a kind that makes you goofy.

There were advantages to buy-
ing each other's houses. Neither of
us had to move everything we owned

in one day.

And my husband and I were able
to stay at Anet's house for hours
while we planned the remodeling,
then started it weeks before the sale
became final.

What Anet liked about her new
house was that she could simply
move in. No more worry and guilt
about peeling paint, leaking show-
ers. After she put away the things
she had not sold or given away, she
still had the whole attic room empty.

She said paring down and hav-
ing that leftover space made her
feel lighter, better.

Later, when we started our busi-
ness together, we made our office
in her garden room. Now while we
talk on the phone, we can move
outside, smell the jasmine, pull the
little weeds between the bricks. It's
ideal.

My family and I camped in our
new house while we tore it apart.
Sometimes we had to wash our
dishes in the bathtub. We dis-
carded the front door, porch and
stairs; took out the ceilings in the
main rooms, removed walls and
windows.

It took more than a year but
there is now a large kitchen with a
skinny, 15-foot table running
down the center. We live at that

table.

The new, unpainted wood win-
dows look out to the garden. A
genius carpenter built winding
stairs up the garden slope, design-
ing them as he went. It's the best
garden I've ever had.

For a couple of years after the
move, I continued to move favor-
ite plants from the old house. I
was there every day at work, so
when I was reminded of the snow-
drops as they bloomed, I dug up a
few and took them home.

Of course the new house is not
done. It may never be, which is
both depressing and something to
be excited about. I think that
people who work on houses all of
the time never seem to finish them.
We just move on to the next
project.

Because we traded houses, we
didn't have to get new phone num-
bers. Anet took our number and
we took hers.

Once in a while one of us gets
a call from an old friend we haven't
talked to in years. Instead of get-
ting a disconnected number, the
friend gets one of us.

We didn't change our address
with the post office either. I took
Anet her mail every day and she
gave me mine. That was handy.
Eventually things started coming
to the right house. But we still get
mail twice a day.

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Spacious Mount, on over 1/4 acre. SF bay view, au pair suite. Wendy Gardner		Stylish contemporary, bay views, decks, move-in condition. Pat Dedekian	
ABBOTT WAY, PIEDMONT - 4BD/4BA.....	\$699,000	152 GLENWOOD GLADE, MONTCLAIR - 2BD/1+BA.....	\$299,000
Full cul-de-sac, 2 family rooms, bay views, 4-car garage. Bonnie Hirsch		Well built cottage, private setting, hwd floors, level yard. Nancy Chew	
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Bay view, SF & bay view, 2 sunny decks, large level back yard. Ann Nichols		New listing! Great cond, large rms, gardens, private patio. Tom Wurst	
WILLOWWOOD AVENUE, PIEDMONT - 3+BD/3BA.....	\$405,000	3627 VIRDEN AVENUE, REDWOOD HEIGHTS - 3BD/2BA.....	\$254,500
Spacious loc, fam rm & deck off kitchen, au pair, level yard. Ann Nichols		New listing! Serene setting, bay view, spacious & private. Diane E. McCan	
COLTON BLVD., MONTCLAIR - 3+BD/3BA.....	\$379,000	1 ALIDA COURT, LINCOLN HEIGHTS - 3BD/1+BA.....	\$249,500
Listing! Rich woods, airy spaces, private wooded setting. Ann Nichols		Charming trad on cul-de-sac, garden, patio, back yard. Kathleen Callahan	
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Listing! Desirable walk to Village location, family room. Joan Hause		New listing! Private cottage, lovely tree & garden setting. Diane E. McCan	
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Tranquil setting with French touches, perfect for entertaining. Private gardens and pool. 6BD/4+BA. Sally Morrison		Wonderful SF bay views! 4BD/2+BA, stunning new kitchen, formal dining rm, BD/BA down with separate entry. Martha Holstlaw	
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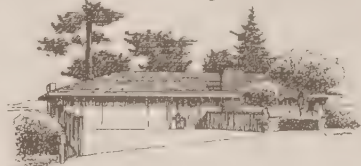
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OWNING SF/GG VIEWS!.....	\$1,450,000	TWO FOR THE PRICE OF ONE!.....	\$379,000
Spacious custom home w/sweeping views. Dramatic entry, 5+BD/4+BA, huge party rm with wet bar, oversized garage. Robyn Mohr		Charming 2BD/1+BA English cottage with beam ceilings and secluded 1BD/1BA apt with fireplace and garden. Kathy Flynn	
ACRES OF SYLVAN SERENITY.....	\$999,000	PRICE REDUCED - CROCKER HIGHLANDS.....	\$315,000
Spacious new home offering the ultimate in luxury and tranquility. 5+BD/4+BA, professionally decorated. Helen Danhaki: 547-5750		Charming traditional on one of Crocker's most prestigious streets. 3BD/1BA, ultimate cook's kitchen, level yard, bsmt. Teri Carlisle	
NEW CONSTRUCTION - MONTCLAIR.....	\$799,000	UPPER ROCKIDGE TRADITIONAL.....	\$305,000
Spacious Spanish on 1/4 acre. Fabulous courtyard, 4BD/3+BA, library, family room, rumpus, hwd floors. Vicki Woodhead		Excellent condition! Veranda viewing deck with bay view, perfect for entertaining. 2BD/1BA, formal DR, back yard. Chuck Corwin	
GATE GARDEN SETTING.....	\$549,000	ALL LEVEL - REDWOOD HEIGHTS.....	\$269,000
Spacious contemporary w/bay views. Dramatic entry, 4BD/3+BA, formal DR, spacious kitchen/family rm. Wendy Gardner		3BD/2BA including master suite, spacious LR with hill views, family room adjacent to kitchen, landscaped back yard. Teri Carlisle	
VIEWING CANYON VISTAS.....	\$525,000	CHARMING NORMANDY COTTAGE.....	\$227,500
Spacious contemporary, 3,700+ sq ft, architectural detail, 4BD/3+BA, billiard room, gourmet eat-in kitchen. Robyn Mohr		Nestled in the trees near Montclair. 2BD/1BA, updated kitchen, patios off dining area and living room, fireplace. Dee Knowland	
WINTERTEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION.....	\$469,000	PRICE REDUCED - PIEDMONT AVENUE.....	\$209,000
Open views! Open floor plan, over 2,700 sq ft of living space. 3BD/3+BA, large family room or 4th bedroom. Dick Cohen		Walk to Piedmont Ave shops and restaurants! 2BD/1BA, fresh paint, hwd flrs, fireplace, spacious deck, great yard. Joan Dark	
PRICE REDUCED - MONTCLAIR.....	\$457,000	PRICE REDUCED - LAUREL.....	\$204,500
Spacious w/urban convenience. Many upgrades, privacy, decks and decks, 5BD/3BA, rumpus, privacy. Joan Dark		Bright 2BD/1BA bungalow with master suite, formal dining, fenced garden with lovely hill views, garage. Wendy Gardner	
PRICE REDUCED - ROCKIDGE.....	\$409,000	POPULAR NEIGHBORHOOD.....	\$185,000
Spacious location! Bright, spacious LR & DR, 4BD/4BA, basement, back yard, walk to BART & College Ave. Donna DeBardi		Remodeled kitchen, hwd floors, 3BD/2BA including large master suite, formal DR, new furnace, back yard. Donna DeBardi	
LEVEL LIVING!.....	\$399,000	NEW LISTING - ROCKIDGE.....	\$179,500
Spacious model home in Ridgmont! 3BD/2+BA, spacious family room, huge patio/garden areas, 3-car garage. Robyn Mohr		Best Country Club location! 2BD/2BA condo in wonderful security building, near shops, restaurants & transportation. Joan Daniel	

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5511 La Salle Avenue, Oakland

Surprisingly dramatic with floor to ceiling windows overlooking a tree-top setting. This lovely home has been recently refurbished and includes a formal dining room, library, three bedrooms and a secluded patio garden. Freshly painted inside and out. Offered for \$439,000

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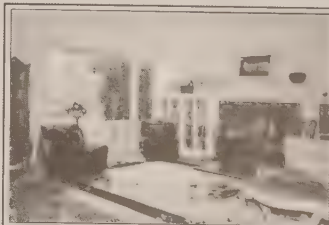
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CLAREMONT Cul-de-sac & SF view! Mediterranean treasure with a walled courtyard entry, decks, garden & family rm. 4BR/3BA, study. Paul Templeton ext. 131... \$775,000

682 SANTA BARBARA, Open Sunday 2-4. Wonderful Thousand Oaks Tudor with deep lot! 3BR, au pair suite, updated kit, bay views! Bebe McRae ext. 145... \$519,000

751 SPRUCE STREET, Open Sunday 2-4. Panoramic view. Light & airy, much architectural detail. 3BR, 2BA. Separate au pair. French doors to patio/yard. Mary Monti ext. 132... \$439,000

SPACIOUS, CHARMING. Great 2BR/1BA home. High ceilings, many extras. Anne VanDyke ext. 137... \$125,000

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CLAREMONT PINES TUDOR. New Price! Designed by Ratcliff. Truly grand; 5 bedrooms, 4.5 baths, library, two-car garage, Bay views, pool and privacy! Bebe McRae ext. 145... \$995,000

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917 AVIS DRIVE, Open Sunday 2-4:30. New Listing. A one-of-a-kind 2+BR, 1BA designer home with pizzazz & an award winning garden! Creatively remodeled, Bay views, sunny & ready for the discriminating buyer. Ron Eggherman ext. 127... \$280,000

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ELEGANT JEWEL with 2+BR, 1BA, gourmet kitchen/family room, den with fireplace, French doors, lush garden. Nancy Lee Noman ext. 124... \$429,000

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Events...

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10 to 11:30 a.m., Sat., June 14 at 642 Hearst Ave. in Berkeley. Chris Vaughn of Vaughn Construction will take an in-depth look at the characteristics and features of redwood, cedar, pressure-treated lumber and the innovative, environmentally sound decking Trex. Designs, types of fasteners and finishing options will also be discussed.

Reservations are required. Call 649-2674.

Marsha Quick of Red Oak Realty and Karen Ward of CMG Mortgage present free **Real Estate Financing 101**, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Sat., March 8 at 1225 Solano Avenue in Albany. Become an educated consumer; minimize closing costs; learn the difference between an mi and a no mi loan; get acquainted with lender guidelines.

income required to qualify and community assistance programs. Reservations are required. Call 718-2134.

Catherine Teegarden of Commonwealth United Mortgage presents the free seminar **How To Make Money Using the FHA 203(k) Purchase/Rehab Loan**, 7 p.m./Thurs., June 26 at the First American Title Company, 1544 Webster St. in Oakland. Learn how

to purchase, rehab and sell residential properties. Realtors can learn how to locate and market 203(k) fixer-uppers. Owner-occupants can buy fixed-up properties for no money down both single home and multi-unit properties, sell them quickly and realize your profits. Nonprofits (churches and others) can buy and fix up properties for the communities they serve. Realtors, homebuyers and nonprofits are all welcome to attend. This workshop

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OPEN SUNDAY 2-4 718 GRAND ST., ALAMEDA



Beautiful 5 bedroom, 4 bath Gold Coast home with a pair unit! Decorative mouldings, arched windows and hardwood floors! One bedroom and bath on 1st level with separate entry! Garage is an entertainment area center! \$449,000

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Situated on a prominent corner in desirable Crocker Highlands, this charming, impeccably-maintained home has an expansive room with rich wood detailing, a large formal dining room, French doors, an updated kitchen and a great temperature wine cellar. There are four spacious bedrooms, three bathrooms and a pretty garden. Offered for \$539,000

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- 1824 LEIMERT BLVD. - Upper Oakmore - Gorgeous 2 story Spanish Mediterranean, 4 bedrooms, 3 baths, SF view from master suite, room for home office. **EVELYN WALKER.....\$569,000**
- 230 ESTATES DRIVE - Piedmont Value. Well maintained 4BD/3.5BA w/flexible flr plan, pretty setting, South Bay view, updated kit, good outdoor living, rec room, 2 frpls. **DIAN HYMER.....\$559,000**
- 4348 MONTGOMERY - New Listing! Piedmont Ave charmer. Recently remod! New roof, new appl, remod kit & BA. New paint inside. Big yd. Close to Rockridge shops. **RUBY NG.....\$243,500**
- 3820 WISCONSIN - Home with a view! Start here! Large home in great Laurel Area. 4BD/3BA, deck to enjoy view. Retrofit. Good yard space. Wow! **DONNA CONROY.....\$219,000**
- 8311 ASTER AVE - New Listing! Great neighborhood, nice house, bay view and beautiful landscaped yard. Bonus room, could be 3rd bedroom. 2BD/1BA. **RUTH LOCKHART.....\$179,000**

OPEN SUNDAY 2:00 - 4:30 PM

- 6780 OAKWOOD DR.....MONTCLAIR.....4BD/4.5BA.....\$469,000.....MARILYN BREMSER
- 7011 COLTON BLVD.....MONTCLAIR.....3BD/2BA.....\$399,000.....ADRIANA GIACOMELLI
- 2749 CARISBROOK DR.....PIEDMONT PINES.....3+BD/2BA.....\$379,000.....PAT WHITTINGSLOW

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OAKLAND ★ MONTCLAIR ★ PIEDMONT ★ ALAMEDA

- LIVE IN LUXURY.....\$1,500,000**
Unpretentious elegance describes this 7 yr old home on 1+ acres, pool, spa, sauna, gourmet kitchen and guest house. **Ruth Lockhart**
- OAKLAND HILLS/SKYLINE.....\$750,000**
Unique and beautiful custom built. A dramatic home with large sq. footage. Fabulous view. 3BD/2.5BA, pool/sauna, game room, loft, wine room & much more. **Don Coelho**
- BANK FORECLOSURE WITH GREAT BAY VIEW.....\$589,000**
Never lived in. Large sq. footage. 4BD/3BA including 2 master suites. Soaring ceilings & huge rec room - desirable Alvarado area. **Nancy Dickey/Ollie Hammerel**
- UPPER ROCKRIDGE.....\$499,000**
Sophisticated contemporary designed for entertaining. Elegant updating. 3+BD/2.5BA with large, sunny private deck. **Michael Thompson**
- CROCKER HIGHLANDS - NEW PRICE.....\$415,000**
Enchanting Normandy. Architect designed in the 1920's. Old world charm with 4BD/3BA, library, formal dining, large eat-in kitchen, sunny deck & 2-car garage. **Dian Hymer**
- CROCKER TRADITIONAL.....\$389,900**
Large traditional 2-story close to trans & shopping. 3+BD/3BA, hardwood floors. Master bedroom suite & bath on main floor. **Norm Robinow**
- ROCKRIDGE - NEW LISTING.....\$375,000**
Mediterranean loaded with charm. Beautiful arched window & parquet floors. Great yard! Special ambiance. 2+BD/2BA **Ruby Ng/Karen Lum**
- HILLER HIGHLANDS.....\$349,000**
Spacious home situated on a circular drive. Bright & cheery, extra storage. Views of SF Bay & bridges from master. 3BD/2.5BA. **Ollie Hammerel**
- UPPER ROCKRIDGE.....\$349,000**
Bungalow with original charm in a great loc. 3BD/2BA. Probate sale. **Michael Thompson/Don Coelho**
- ROOM FOR ALL.....\$325,000**
In this spacious home with main level master and bath plus 4BD/2BA on 2nd level. Eat-in kitchen/family room ++. **Ruth Lockhart**
- MONTCLAIR VALUE.....\$319,000**
4 BD/2.5BA with new roof, great setting, kitchen with eating area opens level out to the yard. 2-car garage, family room, well maintained. **Dian Hymer**
- REDWOOD HEIGHTS.....\$269,500**
Prime area above Montclair Blvd. Well maintained one level. Spacious living rm w/frpl, 3BD/2BA, eat-in kitchen w/entrance to beautiful level backyard and large patio, 2-car garage! **Adriana Giacomelli**
- NEW PRICE! WHAT CURB APPEAL!.....\$248,500**
Inviting country colonial with very special ambience. Wonderful details of the craftspeople of 1918's. Peaceful outlook of the East Bay Hills. A must see! 2BD/1BA. Plus room with own entrance. Crocker School. **Ruby Ng**
- MONTCLAIR.....\$227,500**
Two nonconforming flats with separate artist studio. Contractor special to be sold in present condition. New exterior/interior paint. Good income. **Adriana Giacomelli**
- HEART'S DESIRE!.....\$219,000**
New listing, charming Spanish bungalow. Quiet street in Laurel, 3BD/1BA, deck, pretty yard, new paint. **Vicky Faulk**
- ALAMEDA VICTORIAN.....\$199,500**
built in 1877 this charming "Italianate" home is well-maintained with original detail. 2+BD/2BA. Great location. **Fritz Hochfellner**
- CHARMING STARTER.....\$159,000**
Adorable original English-tudor style. 2+BD w/big attached gar, plus room, beautiful living rm, dining rm, hwdw floors, details. **Evelyn Walker**
- DIAMOND IN THE ROUGH.....\$140,000**
Area shows pride of ownership. Private level yard. 2BD/1BA with off street parking and garage. Inside Laundry. **Cheryl Gabriel/Cheri Harvey**

OPEN SUNDAY 2:00 - 4:30 PM

- 2115 SPAULDING.....BERKELEY.....DUPLEX.....\$249,000.....HOLLY
- 1030 CRAGMONT.....BERKELEY.....3+BR/2+BA.....\$279,000.....CANDACE HYDE
- 876 HILLDALE.....BERKELEY.....2BR/2BA.....\$249,000.....MONA THOMAS
- 2900 FOREST.....BERKELEY.....3+BR/2.5BA.....\$579,000.....RITA ZWIERGERS
- 1701 BANCROFT.....BERKELEY.....2BR/1+OFFICES.....\$299,000.....KIM MARIEN
- 8400 BEL VIEW CT.....EL CERRITO.....5BR/4BA.....\$849,000.....HENRY CHEN
- 106 AZALEA CT.....HERCULES.....3BR/2BA.....\$182,000.....DAVE
- 320 VASSAR.....KENSINGTON.....1+BR/1BA.....\$250,000.....KAREN BR

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BERKELEY ★ KENSINGTON ★ ALBANY ★ EL CERRITO ★ RICHMOND

- ELEGANCE, GLAMOUR & CANYON VIEW.....\$849,000**
Located in the rolling hills of Wildcat Canyon at the top of the El Cerrito hills, this 5BR/4BA home was recently designed and constructed for the ultimate in quality. Large family room, state-of-the-art kitchen, formal dining room plus separate guest quarters. Large rear deck and yard surrounded by beautiful landscaping.
- SERENE BERKELEY HILLS OASIS.....\$695,000**
Stunning 3-bridge views! Level-in estate in park-like setting. Traditional style with light, beautifully decorated and painted throughout, perfect for sophisticated entertaining. Generous master suite, 3BR/3BA plus formal dining and family room. Also deck with huge views.
- LOVELY CLAREMONT TRADITIONAL.....\$579,000**
Gracious home ideally located on a tree-lined street in one of Berkeley's most desirable areas. 3 spacious bedrooms with master suite plus den/4th BD. Remod kitchen, FDR & rear deck.
- BERK DUPLEX NEAR ROSE GARDEN.....\$449,000**
Two elegant units in the Berkeley hills near the Rose Garden, park and tennis courts. 2&3 bedrooms, hardwood floors and Bay views.
- CLASSY BERKELEY HILLS DUPLEX.....\$439,000**
Gorgeous Bay views from this contemp style duplex. Both units 2BR/1BA. Spacious floor plans with French doors to walled courtyard plus balcony. Walk to UC & Northside shops.
- FAIRY TALE HOME IN KENSINGTON.....\$379,000**
A romantic Hansel and Gretel home. Opens to a beautifully landscaped garden. 3BR/2BA, great kitchen, formal dining & hwdw floors. Make an appointment to see your dream home.
- BAY VIEWS FROM KENSINGTON.....\$350,000**
Sunny 3BR/2BA home in Kensington neighborhood. 1 master bedroom and bath, hardwood floors, and lots of space.
- LARGE ALBANY BROWN SHINGLE.....\$339,000**
Sunlit 4BR/3BA home loaded with amenities. Lovely kitchen with sunny eating area, family room & cozy den, woodburning stove, new hwdw flrs & many other upgrades throughout. Of course, Albany schools & great commute.
- BERKELEY HILLS CONTEMPORARY.....\$539,000**
Private wooded setting in back yard, partial bay views from living room, architect designed indoor outdoor open floor plan. 2BR/2BA, family room, formal dining. Near UC & North Berkeley shops.
- VICTORIAN BERKELEY DUPLEX.....\$249,000**
Downstairs: 1BR, remodeled kitchen with tile and tile. Back deck, yard with pond. Upstairs: 2BR living room with vaulted ceiling, skylight in hall. Walk to BART.
- LARGE TRAD IN BERKELEY HILLS.....\$389,000**
Tremendous potential in this great traditional home. 3BR/2.5BA, formal dining. 3 stories, top level could be master suite or in-law. Hardwood floors, large deck, wooded setting.
- UPDATED NORTH BERKELEY CHARMER.....\$279,000**
Craftsman style with large windows, built-ins, 3 BR/1BA with upgraded kitchen & built-in hardwood floors & fireplace.
- ORCHARDS IN ALBANY?.....\$349,000**
No, but this charming bungalow is a rare find in Albany. Large tract with lot plus fruit trees. 2BR/1.5BA, built-ins, refinished hardwood floors plus large basement with wine cellar.
- KENSINGTON GARDEN HAVEN.....\$229,000**
Serene, intimate interior with lovely garden views. 2BR/1BA + separate studio. Large lot, fruit trees.
- COMPLEX ON TREE-LINED STREET.....\$249,000**
JUST REDUCED! 2 bdrm home plus 1 bdrm unit, wide, tree-lined street. Large, sunny yard! Don't miss this very attractive property in move-in condition, priced to sell quickly!
- GARDENS & SKYLIGHTS IN CENTRAL BERKELEY.....\$299,000**
Darling 2BR/2BA with open kitchen, formal dining, alcove with skylight, windows, opens to deck & hot tub. Lush front & back yards with fruit trees and lawn. Walk to BART.
- LOVELY OLD BUILDING IN ELMWOOD.....\$129,000**
1BD condo, upstairs unit with decks. Sunny & bright & needs your TLC.

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Area Home Sales

ALAMEDA	1042 Pomona Ave. - \$125,000
Central, 104 - \$130,000	1238 Stannage Ave. - \$175,000
Central Ave. - \$194,500	
Central Ave. - \$108,000	
Central Ave. - \$206,000	
Central Ave. - \$350,000	
Central Ave. - \$293,000	
Central Ave. - \$263,000	
Central Ave. - \$196,500	
Central Ave. - \$243,000	
Central Ave. - \$190,000	
Central Ave. - \$150,000	
Central Ave. - \$250,000	
Central Ave. - \$165,000	
Central Ave. - \$151,500	
Central Ave. - \$253,000	
Central Ave. - \$117,000	
Central Ave. - \$335,000	
ALBANY	
Central, 104 - \$110,000	
Central Ave. - \$163,000	
Central Ave. - \$270,000	
Central Ave. - \$166,500	

BERKELEY	2818 9th St. - \$150,000
2839 9th St. - \$150,000	
2040 Berryman St. - \$195,000	
2632 College Ave. - \$262,000	
1320 La Loma, 1322 - \$335,000	
683 Neilson St. - \$249,000	
2826 Webster St. - \$658,000	
EL SOBRANTE	
115 Del Valle Cir. - \$95,000	
4300 Jana Vista Rd. - \$105,000	
OAKLAND	
6240 Acacia Ave. - \$575,000	
3621 Ardley Ave. - \$145,000	
6125 Aspinwall Rd. - \$372,000	
132 Beechwood Dr. - \$965,000	
111 Buckeye Ave. - \$329,000	
6225 Chelton Dr. - \$624,500	
6206 Clive Ave. - \$339,000	
9650 Coral Rd. - \$128,000	
301 Crestmont Dr. - \$183,000	

5003 Crystal Ridge - \$409,500	2707 Seminary Ave. - \$285,000
5033 Crystal Ridge - \$372,000	249 Sheridan Rd. - \$429,000
1152 Elmhurst Ave. - \$113,000	11300 Sun Valley - \$365,000
7 Embarcadero 303 - \$65,000	3124 Texas St. - \$113,000
5315 Fleming Ave. - \$132,500	7128 Thornhill - \$369,000
5763 Florence Ter. - \$206,500	500 Vernon St. 119 - \$70,000
7973 Fontaine St. - \$121,000	755 Walker Ave. - \$170,000
3855 Forest Hill - \$241,000	95 Westminster Dr. - \$958,000
126 Frisbie St. - \$163,000	3520 Westconsin St. - \$139,500
1951 Gaspar Dr. - \$160,000	
5738 Hermann St. - \$148,000	
2940 High St. - \$150,000	
730 Hillgirt - \$175,000	
3852 Howe St. - \$180,000	
2462 Kingsland - \$125,000	
3217 Knowland - \$150,000	
5135 Leona St. - \$225,000	
655 MacArthur - \$230,000	
2821 Madera Ave. - \$170,000	
5887 Margarido Dr. - \$585,000	
6214 Merriewood - \$230,000	
401 Monte Vista, 101 - \$92,500	
2700 Rawson St. - \$149,000	
3400 Richmond - \$130,000	
227 Ridgeway Ave. - \$335,000	
7261 Sayre Dr. - \$356,000	

SALES STATS BY CITY

ALAMEDA
TOTAL SALES: 17
LOWEST PRICE: \$108,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$350,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$211,500

ALBANY
TOTAL SALES: 6
LOWEST PRICE: \$110,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$270,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$168,250

BERKELEY
TOTAL SALES: 7
LOWEST PRICE: \$150,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$658,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$285,571

EL SOBRANTE
TOTAL SALES: 2
LOWEST PRICE: \$95,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$105,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$100,000

OAKLAND
TOTAL SALES: 44
LOWEST PRICE: \$65,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$965,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$272,113

SAN LEANDRO
TOTAL SALES: 15
LOWEST PRICE: \$125,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$314,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$174,166

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YOUR WEEKEND GUIDE TO OPEN HOMES

LAND Open Sunday 2-4:30 pm

4433 ST. Rockridge 4 3/4, open fir plan, new constr, bay vws	\$785,000
McDuffie 339-9290, Kathy Florence 869-4250	
ESTATES DR, Montclair 4bd/4ba Med, SF bay vw, aupair	\$775,000
Union, Wendy Gardner 339-6460	
VERHOFF DR, Oakland Hills, 4 3/4, den, FDR, 1 acre, pool	\$725,000
Homes, Tom Erwin 339-8400	
SHARING CROSS RD, Oakland Hills, 5bd/4 1/2ba brand new!	\$699,000
Homes, Carolyn Harley 287-9588	
AM CT, Skyline Estates, 3bd/4ba, light, bright, bay views!	\$695,000
McDuffie 339-9290, Dottie Henson 466-5761	
MONA, Minimum Down, Oakland Hills 4bd/3ba executive home,	
from SF, 3100 sq. ft. Formal LR/DR, 2 family rms/office, 8 private decks,	
break throughout. Huge indoor jacuzzi. 15K sq ft park-like setting w/bay	
on build 2nd home. Appraised at \$763,000. Sacrifice at \$660,000	
02-1114 or 408-737-8757 OPEN SUNDAY 1-4	
EMERT BL, Upr Oakmore, 2-story Spanish Med, 4bd/3ba	\$569,000
McDuffie 339-9290, Evelyn Walker 339-1174	
WAKE, Luxury, custom, 3+bd/3ba, rumpus, fam room, dbl lot	\$549,000
Homes, Carol Cohen 339-8400	
CRISTOL, Hiller Highlands, New 4bd/3ba, level yard	\$529,000
McDuffie, Darrin Tinsley 834-2010	
MURTON DR, Montclair 3+ 3/4, motivated, Hills membership	\$479,000
Homes, Lynn Murray 339-8400	
WETER DR, Pied. Pines, 4bd/3 1/2ba w/views, decks, rumpus	\$469,000
GRUBB Company, Melitta Beeson 339-0400	
ANDREW DR, Montclair 4+bd/3ba, remod kit, home office	\$469,000
Homes, Harry Kress 531-2140	
WAKWOOD DR, Value quality, 4+ 1/4, security system, 3 frpls	\$469,000
McDuffie, Marilyn Bremser 339-1174	
ARENDON CRESCENT, Crocker, 4bd/2ba, FDR, large LR	\$458,750
GRUBB Company, Marilyn Watson 339-0400	
QUINN MILLER RD, Lg 5bd/3 1/2ba, in-law potential, garden	\$449,000
Homes, Carin Caroe 339-8400	
WAKE RD, Montclair 4bd/3ba, SF & bay vw, 2 decks, level yd	\$425,000
McDuffie, Ann Nichols 339-6460	
WEDWOOD RD, 3bd/2 1/2ba townhouse w/extraordinary view!	\$420,000
Real Realty 339-5911 OPEN SUNDAY 2-5	
WYLINE BL, Piedmont Pines, 4bd/3ba, spacious, decks!	\$420,000
Homes, Charlene Claybaugh 339-8400	
WYLINE CIR, Bayview in Oakland Hills, 3 & 4bds w/2 1/2ba,	High
that and Broad. Spectacular views of SF bay, recreational	\$300,000's
bay commute. 430-9533 OPEN DAILY 10-6, FRIDAY 1-6	and up
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4433 ST. Rockridge 4 3/4, open fir plan, new constr, bay vws	\$785,000
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Union, Wendy Gardner 339-6460	
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Homes, Lynn Murray 339-8400	
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GRUBB Company, Melitta Beeson 339-0400	
ANDREW DR, Montclair 4+bd/3ba, remod kit, home office	\$469,000
Homes, Harry Kress 531-2140	
WAKWOOD DR, Value quality, 4+ 1/4, security system, 3 frpls	\$469,000
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ARENDON CRESCENT, Crocker, 4bd/2ba, FDR, large LR	\$458,750
GRUBB Company, Marilyn Watson 339-0400	
QUINN MILLER RD, Lg 5bd/3 1/2ba, in-law potential, garden	\$449,000
Homes, Carin Caroe 339-8400	
WAKE RD, Montclair 4bd/3ba, SF & bay vw, 2 decks, level yd	\$425,000
McDuffie, Ann Nichols 339-6460	
WEDWOOD RD, 3bd/2 1/2ba townhouse w/extraordinary view!	\$420,000
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751 SPRUCE ST, 3bd/2ba, pano view, separate aupair, patio & yd	\$439,000
Templeton Company, Mary Montali 652-2133 X132 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4	
2605 ASHBY, R3 zoned, large 4+bd brown shingle	\$339,000
Mason-McDuffie, Miriam Wilson 845-6021 X228	
9 EVERGREEN LN, Berk/Oakland Hills 2+bd/2ba, south bay view	\$328,000
Mason-McDuffie, Julie Nachwey 845-0211 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4	
1550 BEVERLY, Spacious, sunny 3bd, lg basement w/office	\$319,500
Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X132 OPEN SUNDAY 2-5	
1917 VINE ST @ Bonita, Gourmet Ghetto, classic 2-story brown	\$310,000
shingle, 3bd/1 1/2, family room, new roof. Owner 526-5026 OPEN SUNDAY 1-5	
539 CRAGMONT, 3bd/1ba, price reduced! hurry! best No.Berk.area	\$305,000
Thornwall Properties 848-1950 X223 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4	
1701 BANCROFT, 2bd/1ba + offices	\$299,000
Coldwell Banker, Kim Marienthal 486-1495	
509 VINCENTE AVE, Romantic 2bd/1ba hide-away, 2-level patio	\$285,000
Templeton Company, Ann Van Dyke 652-2133 X137 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4	
1030 CRAGMONT, 3+bd/2+ba	\$279,000
Coldwell Banker, Candace Hyde-Wang 486-1495	
2115 SPAULDING, Berkeley duplex	\$249,000
Coldwell Banker, Holly Rose 486-1495	
876 HILLDALE, 2bd/2ba	\$249,000
Coldwell Banker, Mona Thompson 486-1495	
1809 CHESTNUT, Just listed! Lovley 2/1 craftsman w/English gardn	\$179,000
Thornwall Properties, Kathryn Stein 848-1950 X230 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4	
2 PANORAMIC WY #303, Just listed! 2bd/1ba condo, 4 other units	\$170,000
available, 1,2 & 3bd w/SF & hill vws. Sanelco Prop. 652-8252 SUNDAY 2-4	
2634 VIRGINIA #24, Spac. 1/1, new price, walk UC/Gourmet Ghetto	\$168,000
Thornwall Properties 848-1950 X238 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4	
2830 MCGEE ST, 2/1 w/separate 1bd in-law apt, picket fence, gardn	\$137,500
Templeton Company, Jack McPhail 652-2133 X135 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4	

EL CERRITO Open Sunday

8400 BEL VIEW CT, El Cerrito 5bd/4ba	\$849,000
Coldwell Banker, Henry Chang 486-1495 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30	
917 AVIS ST, NW listing! 1 of a kind! 2+bd/1b, award winning garden	\$280,000
Templeton Company, Ron Egherman 652-2133 X127 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30	
2522 TULARE, New listing! 3bd/2ba, SF/Marin vw, brkfst rm, hdwd	\$228,500
Berkeley Hills Realty, Gay Austin 524-9888 X22 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4	

KENSINGTON Open Sunday

320 VASSAR, Kensington, 1+bd/1ba	\$250,000
Coldwell Banker, Karen Brand 486-1495 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30	

PIEDMONT Open Sunday 2-4:30 pm

43 FARRAGUT AVE, Beyond a remodel! A must see!	\$1,450,000
Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, H. Chew 644-5422	
36 CREST RD, 3+bd/3+ba beautifully designed level-in home	\$875,000
Pacific Union, Joan Dark 339-6460	
209 HILLSIDE AVE, Sunny trad'l, updt kit, 3+ 3/4, play rm, gardens	\$869,000
The GRUBB Company, Sandra Vogl 339-0400	
121 MONTICELLO AV, 3+ 1/2 charming trad'l, fam rm, gourmet EIK, \$769,000	
study, bsmt, best area. Coldwell Banker, Jerilyn 547-1615 SUNDAY 1-5	
14 ABBOTT WAY, 4bd/4ba, private cul-de-sac, 4-car gar, bay vws	\$699,000
Pacific Union, Bonnie Hirsch 339-6460	
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101 Autos
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As a community service The Hills Newspapers is pleased to offer Found, Giveaway and Lost ads free of charge (maximum 15 words for 2 weeks).

201 Announcements
BOY Scout uniforms. Clean out the closet and recycle them for help youngsters. Leave at The Montclair office, 5707 Redwood Rd., #4, Oakland.

205 Found
FOUND: Young, black puppy on Richmond Blvd. near 30th street, May 12th, 451-0303.

BLACK Lab mix, intact male about 8 months, 40 lbs., near Skyline Church, 638-6393.

207 Giveaway
URGENTLY need temporary foster homes for homeless animals. Need food, cages, litter, traps. Marc 510-444-3204.

ORNAMENTAL cinder blocks free to a good home. 530-0278.

"RIPPLES" cat 12 years, Calico mix, loving affection, sprayed, tested shots. Immediate placement. 527-7874.

"SAMANTHA" 3 years, DLH, tuxedo, declawed, sole pet. Donation. 444-3204.

"GUINEVERE" 16 years, DSH, white/blue eyes, independent, talkative, animal friendly. Donation 444-7251.

"MAXIMILLIAN" 6 years, grey/white, DMH, large, playful, independent. Donation 658-6799.

"JOHNNY" 6 years, DSH, black, loveable. Owner deceased. FIV positive but healthy. Donation Marc, 444-3204.

"BUMPER" FELV/FIV positive, very friendly lap cat, sole pet/indoor only. 988-9172.

SHAR-PEI, young female, abandoned, needs care. Seeking owner or new home. 594-1666.

THREE female rescued kittens. Tortoiseshell, orange tabby. Tested, shots. 788-9908.

SIX beautiful rescued kittens need home. Tested, shots, donation. 415-788-7800 ext. 236.

BILLIARD table, 1 piece slate, third floor walk up in San Francisco. You haul. 510-836-0735.

208 Lost
CAT, male, long-haired, black, green eyes, collar. May 7 at Spruce/Michigan, Berkeley. Reward: 528-0096.

GRAY male tabby, "Icarus", red leather collar, tags. University/San Pablo. Heartbroken, please call 841-1433.

LOST Passport, P.R. China #513690. Name: Tong Cheng. Date: approximately May 14th. Place: Berkeley, 486-1730.

BLACK cat, male, green eyes, white hair inside ears. April 2nd, Piedmont Ave. 653-4282.

CAT, "Shade", male, black/gray tiger stripe, white belly legs. Elmwood District, May 14 648-0421.

BORDER Collie mix. Black/white female. No identification number, Telegraph Ashby, May 15th 649-3803.

EDUCATION

302 Children's Schools & Camps
CIRCLE PRESCHOOL
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\$525 HARDWOOD floors, country courtyard setting, nice, carpet. Garment/laundry. #13014-B. Homefinders 549-6450.

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\$395 EACH. Two rooms in cooperative home near Ashby BART. Friendly, responsible adults. 597

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-2003
The Name of the Business:
1) Nightwing Productions, 2) Young Artists Workshop, 6618 Lincoln Ave., #2, El Cerrito, CA 94530.
Are registered by the following owner:
Kendra Marie Trevison, 6618 Lincoln Ave., #2, El Cerrito, CA 94530.
This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on March 31, 1997.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on March 31, 1997.
The Journal May 1, 8, 15, 22, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-2108
The Name of the Business:
CYBUBBIA, 3109 Fitzpatrick Dr., Concord, CA 94519.
Is registered by the following owner:
Kevin Jones, 3109 Fitzpatrick Dr., Concord, CA 94519.
This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on April 3, 1997.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on April 3, 1997.
The Journal May 1, 8, 15, 22, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-2300
The Name of the Business:
Lawn Keepers, 1281 Walnut Meadows Dr., Oakley, CA 94561. P.O. Box 408, Martinez, CA 94553.
Is registered by the following owners:
William John Rutherford, 1281 Walnut Meadows Dr., Oakley, CA 94561.
Patrick Drew Nichols, 2301 Pine Street, Martinez, CA 94553.
This business is conducted by a General Partnership.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above in April, 1995.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on April 1, 1997.
The Journal May 1, 8, 15, 22, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-2425
The Name of the Business:
Turnbuckle Productions, 119 Lakeshore Court, Richmond, CA 94804-7422.
Is registered by the following owner:
Gregory D. Reed, Sr., 119 Lakeshore Court, Richmond, CA 94804-7422.
This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on April 17, 1995.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on April 17, 1997.
The Journal May 1, 8, 15, 22, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-2525
The Name of the Business:
The Hair Transplant Center of California, 2021 Ygnacio Valley Rd., Walnut Creek, CA 94598.
Is registered by the following owner:
Toulik Chandra, M.D., 3220 Lone Tree Way, Antioch, CA 94509.
This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on April 15, 1997.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on April 15, 1997.
The Journal May 1, 8, 15, 22, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-2747
The Name of the Business:
Horizon West Music 550 West Cutting Blvd., Richmond, CA 94804.
Is registered by the following owner:
Laurie Weiss, 550 West Cutting Blvd., Richmond, CA 94804.
This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on April 15, 1997.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on April 15, 1997.
The Journal May 1, 8, 15, 22, 1997.

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

File No. 95-3250
The following person has abandoned the use of the fictitious business name Bel Air Cleaners, 4478 Trent Blvd., Concord, CA 94521.
The fictitious business name referred to above was filed in the County of Contra Costa on May 31, 1995.
Van Chih Ngo, 2266 Tom Lin Way, San Jose, CA 95133.
This business was conducted by an individual.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on April 17, 1997.
The Journal May 1, 8, 15, 22, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-2451
The Name of the Business:
HealthHealth 2000, 196 Baystate Ct., Richmond, CA 94804.
Is registered by the following owner:
James M. Koszarek, 196 Baystate Ct., Richmond, CA 94804.
This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on April 18, 1997.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on April 18, 1997.
The Journal May 1, 8, 15, 22, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-2273
The Name of the Business:
Travel Tips (Cane Tips for the Blind), 2005 San Jose Dr., #103, Antioch, CA 94509.
Is registered by the following owner:
Christopher Anthony Mercer, 2005 San Jose Dr., Antioch, CA 94509.
This business is conducted by an individual.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on April 10, 1997.
The Journal May 8, 15, 22, 29, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-2396
The Name of the Business:
Genevieve Francine Group, 13925 San Pablo Avenue #205, San Pablo, CA 94606.
Is registered by the following owner:
Elizabeth Peterson, 274 E. Sunset Ave. #345, Suisun, CA 94585.
This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on April 16, 1997.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on April 16, 1997.
The Journal May 8, 15, 22, 29, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-2571
The Name of the Business:
Jike Tax Service, 3131 Larchmont Ln., San Pablo, CA 94606.
Is registered by the following owner:
Finian Anyanwu, 3131 Larchmont Ln., San Pablo, CA 94606.
This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on April 24, 1997.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on April 24, 1997.
The Journal May 8, 15, 22, 29, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-2576
The Name of the Business:
Tool Guys Mart, 1659 Willow Pass Road, Concord, CA 94520.
Is registered by the following owner:
David S. Tullus, Jr., 1659 Willow Pass Road, Concord, CA 94520.
This business is conducted by a Corporation.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on April 24, 1997.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on April 24, 1997.
The Journal May 8, 15, 22, 29, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-2328
The Name of the Business:
Imagine That... 1742 Sunnyvale Ave., Walnut Creek, CA 94596.
Is registered by the following owner:
Penny Warren, 1742 Sunnyvale Ave., Walnut Creek, CA 94596.
This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on April 14, 1997.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on April 14, 1997.
The Journal May 8, 15, 22, 29, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-2493
The Name of the Business:
Just Trains, 5650-H Imhoff Dr., Concord, CA

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Is registered by the following owner:
Joan S. Bradford, Trustee of the Joan S. Bradford Trust, 2555 Westview Ave., Concord, CA 94519.
This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on April 22, 1997.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on April 22, 1997.
The Journal May 8, 15, 22, 29, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-2483
The Name of the Business:
Past Protection, 2001 41st St., Richmond, CA 94804. P.O. Box 12412, Berkeley, CA 94712.
Is registered by the following owner:
Joseph Andrew Miller, 141 South 41st St., Richmond, CA 94804.
This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on April 21, 1997.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on April 21, 1997.
The Journal May 8, 15, 22, 29, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-2333
The Name of the Business:
Sutter Homes, 288 Buchanan Field Rd., Ste. 1, Concord, CA 94520.
Is registered by the following owner:
Arthur Franklin Sprague, 1941 Geneva Lane, Antioch, CA 94509.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on April 14, 1997.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on April 14, 1997.
The Journal May 1, 8, 15, 22, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-2151
The Name of the Business:
Information Discovery Service, 1414 Amador Street, San Pablo, CA 94606.
Is registered by the following owner:
James J. Malone, 1414 Amador St., San Pablo, CA 94606.
Joseph Blich, 4024 Stephens Ct., Castro Valley, CA 94548.
The business is conducted by Co-Partners.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on April 4, 1997.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on April 4, 1997.
The Journal May 1, 8, 15, 22, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-2064
The Name of the Business:
The Boulevard at 1420, 1420 Contra Costa Blvd., Pleasant Hill, CA 94523. Is registered by the following owner:
Timothy Wayne Richline, 50 Cleveland Rd. #6, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523.
This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on January 23, 1997.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on April 1, 1997.
The Journal May 1, 8, 15, 22, 1997.

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

File No. 94-1211
The following person has abandoned the use of the fictitious business name Sharkey's Sports Garage, 1420-A Contra Costa Blvd., Pleasant Hill, CA 94523.
The fictitious business name referred to above was filed in the County of Contra Costa on February 22, 1994 under number 94-1211.
Timothy Wayne Richline, 50 Cleveland Rd. #6, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523.
This business was conducted by an individual.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on April 1, 1997.
The Journal May 1, 8, 15, 22, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-2168
The Name of the Business:
Surecom Solutions, 1776 Botelho Drive, #103, Walnut Creek, CA 94596. Mailing Address: P.O. Box 4789, Walnut Creek, CA 94596.
Is registered by the following owner:
Jan M. Olson, 1776 Botelho Dr., #103, Walnut Creek, CA 94596.
This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on April 7, 1997.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on April 7, 1997.
The Journal May 8, 15, 22, 29, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-2457
The Name of the Business:
1) Brentwood Business Alliance 2) Brentwood Networking Group 3) East County Business Services, 290 Gristmill Dr., Brentwood, CA 94513. P.O. Box 7986, Brentwood, CA 94513.
Are registered by the following owner:
Paul R. Kelly, 290 Gristmill Dr., Brentwood, CA 94513.
This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on April 18, 1997.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on April 18, 1997.
The Journal May 8, 15, 22, 29, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-2204
The Name of the Business:
The Arts Exchange, 15 Cornell Court, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523.
Is registered by the following owner:
Robert F. Mullen, 15 Cornell Court, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523.
This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on April 8, 1997.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on April 8, 1997.
The Journal May 8, 15, 22, 29, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-2306
The Name of the Business:
Association Maintenance Services, 3105 Coyote Circle, Clayton, CA 94517.
Is registered by the following owner:
Melissa Margaret Garbanc, 3105 Coyote Circle, Clayton, CA 94517.
This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on April 11, 1997.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on April 11, 1997.
The Journal May 8, 15, 22, 29, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-2331
The Name of the Business:
Ethnic Treasures, 761 Sweet Water Drive, Danville, CA 94506.
Is registered by the following owner:
Paulette Anne Giron, 761 Sweet Water Drive, Danville, CA 94506.
This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on April 14, 1997.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on April 14, 1997.
The Journal May 8, 15, 22, 29, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-2001
The Name of the Business:
AAA College Student Hauling, 31 Magnolia Ct., Walnut Creek, CA 94595.
Is registered by the following owner:
David S. Tullus, Jr., 31 Magnolia Ct., Walnut Creek, CA 94595.
This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on April 16, 1997.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on April 16, 1997.
The Journal May 8, 15, 22, 29, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-2237
The Name of the Business:
LE General Services, 5306 Bayview Ave., Suite C, Richmond, CA 94804. P.O. Box 871, El Cerrito, CA 94530.
Is registered by the following owner:
Leveria Stephens, 5306 Bayview Ave., Suite C, Richmond, CA 94804.
This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on April 9, 1997.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on April 9, 1997.
The Journal May 8, 15, 22, 29, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-2436
The Name of the Business:
Just Trains, 5650-H Imhoff Dr., Concord, CA

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The Name of the Business:
X-Treme Graphic, 247 Lake Avenue, Rodeo, CA 94572.
Is registered by the following owner:
Shalee Michelle Cobb, 247 Lake Avenue, Rodeo, CA 94572.
This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on April 17, 1997.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on April 17, 1997.
The Journal May 8, 15, 22, 29, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-2435
The Name of the Business:
Hawthorne Enterprises, 445 - 24 Reflections Circle, San Ramon, CA 94583.
Is registered by the following owner:
Francine G. Waxman, 445 - 24 Reflections Circle, San Ramon, CA 94583.
This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on April 17, 1997.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on April 17, 1997.
The Journal May 8, 15, 22, 29, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-2489
The Name of the Business:
California Gold Designs, 323 Carmel Ave., El Cerrito, CA 94530.
Is registered by the following owner:
Douglas James Jon, 323 Carmel Ave., El Cerrito, CA 94530.
This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on April 30, 1997.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on April 30, 1997.
The Journal May 8, 15, 22, 29, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-2700
The Name of the Business:
J. Morill Co., Inc., 5813 Central Ave., El Cerrito, CA 94530.
Is registered by the following owner:
J. Morill Co., Inc., a California Corporation.
Notice of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in section 1250 of the California Probate Code. A Request for Special Order is available in the court clerk's office.
Attorney for petitioner: HAROLD WESTER-DOFF, ESO.
39510 Paseo Padre Pkwy., Suite 190, Fremont, CA 94538.
The Journal May 15, 22, 29, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-2719
The Name of the Business:
DIGITEK WORLDWIDE, 13 Inverleith Terrace, Moraga, CA 94556.
Is registered by the following owner:
Christine A. Syzalski, 13 Inverleith Terrace, Moraga, CA 94556.
This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on May 1, 1997.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on May 1, 1997.
The Journal May 8, 15, 22, 29, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-2470
The Name of the Business:
Walker, Walker & Associates, 439 Coventry Road, Kensington, CA 94707.
Is registered by the following owner:
James Walker, 439 Coventry Road, Kensington, CA 94707.
Dorothy Walker, 439 Coventry Road, Kensington, CA 94707.
This business is conducted by Individuals - Husband and Wife.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on April 18, 1997.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on April 18, 1997.
The Journal May 8, 15, 22, 29, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-2520
The Name of the Business:
Dynamite Sales, 761 Sweet Water Drive, Danville, CA 94506.
Is registered by the following owner:
Paulette Giron, 761 Sweet Water Drive, Danville, CA 94506.
This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on April 18, 1997.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on April 18, 1997.
The Journal May 8, 15, 22, 29, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-2213
The Name of the Business:
Image Management, 3037-L Lakemont Dr., San Ramon, CA 94583. P.O. Box 2424, San Ramon, CA 94583.
Is registered by the following owner:
Kimberly Valent, 3037-L Lakemont Dr., San Ramon, CA 94583.
This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on April 8, 1997.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on April 8, 1997.
The Journal May 8, 15, 22, 29, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-2329
The Name of the Business:
Que Productions, 846 Birchwood Dr., Pittsburg, CA 94565. P.O. Box 6788, Concord, CA 94524.
Is registered by the following owner:
Geoffrey A. Quares, 846 Birchwood Dr., Pittsburg, CA 94565.
This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on April 14, 1997.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on April 14, 1997.
The Journal May 15, 22, 29, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-2640
The Name of the Business:
Kensington Ice Cream Parlor, 303 Arlington Ave., No. 1, Kensington, CA 94707.
Is registered by the following owners:
Hung Trung Tran, 263 Arlington Ave., Kensington, CA 94707.
Hua Tru Tran, 263 Arlington Ave., Kensington, CA 94707.
This business is conducted by Individuals - Husband and Wife.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on April 25, 1997.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on April 28, 1997.
The Journal May 15, 22, 29, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-2699
The Name of the Business:
M.S.A., 8500 Monte Verde, El Sobrante, CA 94803.
Is registered by the following owner:
Michael Semple, 8500 Monte Verde, El Sobrante, CA 94803.
This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on April 30, 1997.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on April 30, 1997.
The Journal May 15, 22, 29, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-2801
The Name of the Business:
Pollution Solutions, 567 Vill Way, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523.
Is registered by the following owner:
Robert Brunet, 567 Vill Way, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523.
This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on May 5, 1997.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on May 5, 1997.
The Journal May 15, 22, 29, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-2801
The Name of the Business:
Pollution Solutions, 567 Vill Way, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523.
Is registered by the following owner:
Robert Brunet, 567 Vill Way, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523.
This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on May 5, 1997.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on May 5, 1997.
The Journal May 15, 22, 29, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-2801
The Name of the Business:
Moraga Barr, 1002 Viader Dr., Moraga, CA 94556.
Is registered by the following owner:
Shari Rosenkrantz, 3148 Old Tunnel Rd., Lafayette, CA 94549.
This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on May 5, 1997.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on May 5, 1997.
The Journal May 15, 22, 29, 1997.

NOTICE OF PETITION

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TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF JEANNINE M. MCCANN Case Number P97-00648

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of JEANNINE M. MCCANN
A PETITION has been filed by: BARBARA S. GARDNER in the Superior Court of California, County of CONTRA COSTA.
THE PETITION requests that: BARBARA S. GARDNER be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
IF YOU OBJECT to the proposed action to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice on consent to the proposed action.) The Independent Administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.
A HEARING on the petition will be held on June 3, 1997 at 11:00 a.m. in Dept. 51, Room 8001 located at 625 Court Street, Martinez, CA 94553.
IF YOU OBJECT to the filing of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.
IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within four months from the date of first issuance of the petition provided in section 9100 of the California Probate Code. The time for filing claims will not expire before four months from the hearing date noticed above.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-2583
The Name of the Business:
Royal Gourmet Coffee, 21001 San Ramon Valley Blvd. C, San Ramon, CA 94583.
Is registered by the following owners:
Teresa E. Saeed, 3214 Montevideo Dr., San Ramon, CA 94583.
This business is conducted by Individuals - Husband and Wife.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on April 24, 1997.
The Journal May 15, 22, 29, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-2418
The Name of the Business:
New S.O.S. Roofing Co., 3333 Ponderosa Trail, Pinole, CA 94664.
Is registered by the following owner:
Seong Kyo Cho, 3333 Ponderosa Trail, Pinole, CA 94664.
This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on April 17, 1997.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on April 17, 1997.
The Journal May 15, 22, 29, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-2449
The Name of the Business:
Trios Vending Service, 9298 Hough Ave., Lafayette, CA 94549.
Is registered by the following owners:
David Roseenthal, 9298 Hough Ave., Lafayette, CA 94549.
Claudia Sanders Roseenthal, 9298 Hough Ave., Lafayette, CA 94549.
This business is conducted by Individuals - Husband and Wife.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on April 17, 1997.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on April 17, 1997.
The Journal May 15, 22, 29, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-2813
The Name of the Business:
NPM Landscape 2) NPM Landscape, Inc., 701 Elm Street, El Cerrito, CA 94530.
Are registered by the following owner:
Nakano-Pena-Macias Landscape, Inc., 701 Elm Street, El Cerrito, CA 94530.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on April 7, 1997.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on May 6, 1997.
The Journal May 22, 29, June 5, 12, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-2771
The Name of the Business:
Logo Ent, 3806 Alta Vista Cir., Pittsburg, CA 94565.
Is registered by the following owner:
Sally Maria aka Salia Abdulla, 3806 Alta Vista Cir., Pittsburg, CA 94565.
This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on May 7, 1997.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on May 7, 1997.
The Journal May 22, 29, June 5, 12, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-2770
The Name of the Business:
Mastering, 1145 2nd St., Suite 201, Brentwood, CA 94513.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-2771
The Name of the Business:
Logo Ent, 3806 Alta Vista Cir